

Disappearing Nine Patch Christmas Topper

	Amount	First Cut
Blocks	4 lights	From Each Color: 4 – 5" squares
Contrast Squares	2 Different Medium fat quarters 2 Different Dark fat quarters 1 Bright Focus fat quarter	From Each Color: 4 – 5" squares
Sashing & Borders	1/2 Yard	Cut (6) strips 2 1/2" wide x WOF for the lattice and borders
Back & Binding	1 1/2 Yard	Cut (4) strips 2 1/4" wide x WOF for binding



Step 1: Make Nine Patches (Make 4 blocks the same)

Layout your blocks for the nine patch. Your focus dark/bright fabric should be the center block. Place the squares as shown to match the sample.

Stitch the horizontal seams to create three rows of blocks as shown. Use a scant 1/4" seam allowance.

Press your seams in the direction of the arrows.

The sample was laid out per **Figure A**:

Join your strips to create your nine patch. Important: Press the horizontal seams open. This will help eliminate some of the seam bulk later on.

Square up your block.

It should measure 14". Make (4) blocks in this manner.



Tip: Press your nine patch blocks with a light sizing such as Maryellen's Best Press before cutting to help keep your edges from stretching

Figure A

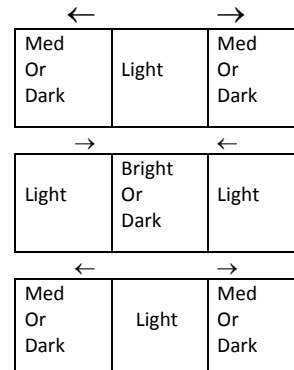


Figure B

Step 2: Make Your First Cut

You will now cut your blocks into four equal squares by cutting through the center both horizontally and vertically.

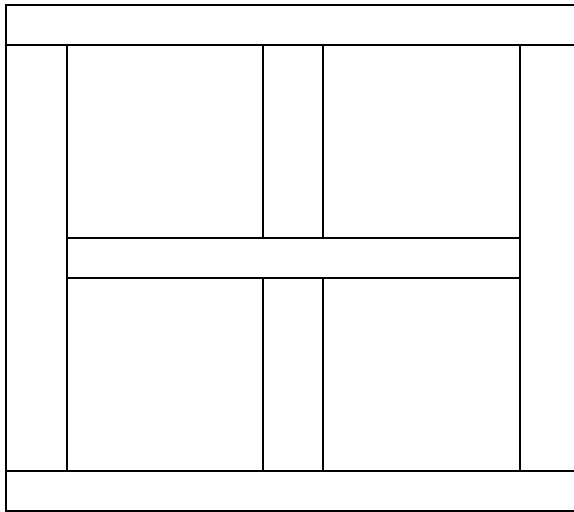
Repeat for all 4 blocks.



Step 3: Stitch new blocks together

Make 4 new blocks like this

Lay out your new squares in a two x two grid so that 4 blocks have all the same color in the same order. When joined, the same colors will form the center of the topper . (my center is medium green to create my 'gift boxes')



Step 4: Add Sashing & Borders

From a 2 ½" strip, cut two strips 13 ½" long. Use these strips to join the blocks horizontally

From a 2 ½" strip, cut one strip 28 ½" and join the two block sets to form your center square

Measure and cut your side borders. Sew to the sides of your quilt. Measure and cut your top and bottom borders. Sew to the top and bottom of your quilt.

Step 5: Fusible Appliqué Bows & Finishing

Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the web to the wrong side of the fabric selected for the bow and berries. Trace and cut the shapes out and place on your 'presents' in the center of the quilt. Fuse into place. Topstitch as desired.

Cut your batting and backing slightly larger than your top. Layer your backing, batting and quilt top and baste with spray baste or pins. Quilt as desired. Trim your edges.

Stitch together your binding strips to create one long continuous strip. Press in half lengthwise. Attach your binding to the quilt and finish. Don't forget your label!

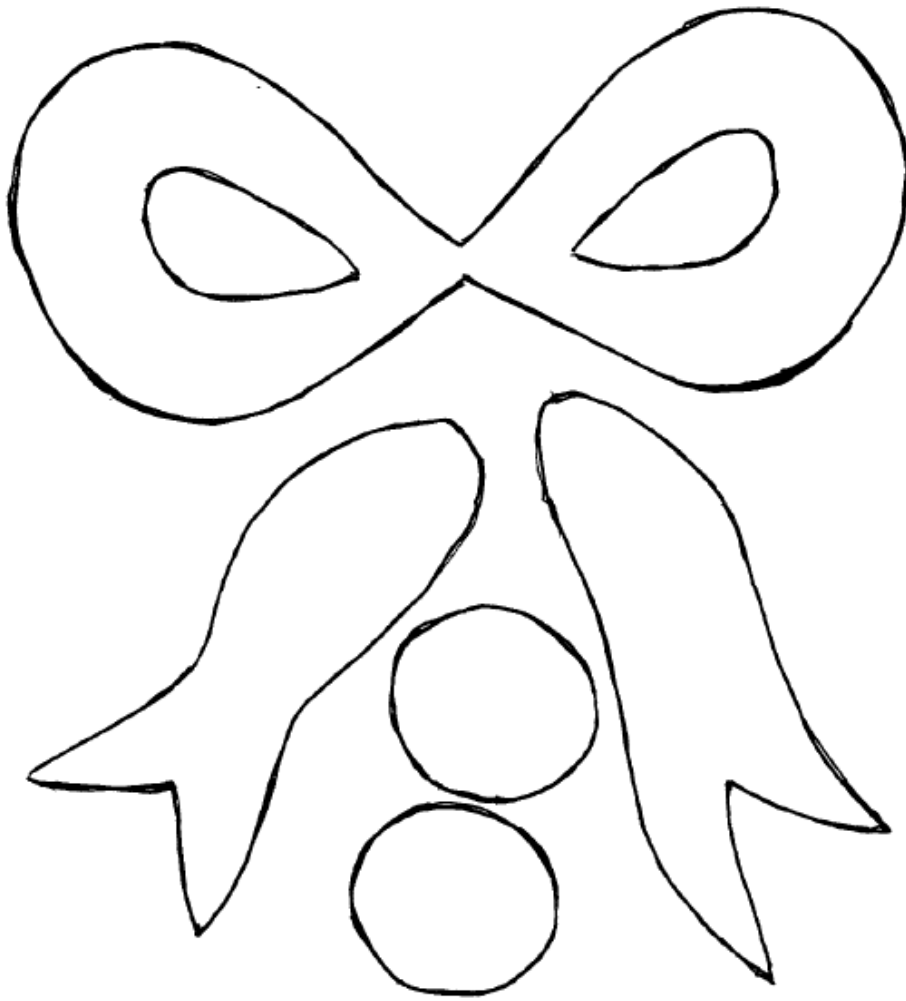


Variations: If you lay out your cut blocks in a staggered horizontal layout, you can create the runner shown (Figure B) for a completely different look.

Figure B



The same fabric but two different layouts create these holiday toppers!



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