

Candy Cane Dreams

Kansas Troubles Quilters



CENTER BLOCK - CHRISTMAS PACKAGE

- front - (1) red plaid 11" sq.
- back - (1) green plaid 11" sq.
- ribbon - (2) green plaid $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 11" bias strip
- (1) green plaid $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 9" bias strip
- ribbon - (2) green plaid $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" bias strip
- (1) green plaid $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9" bias strip
- bow - (1) green plaid 1" x 10" bias strip
- (1) green plaid $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 10" bias strip
- tag - (1) tan plaid 2" x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " cut on the bias
- buttons - (1) 1" red
- (1) $\frac{3}{8}$ " green

RIBBON - Layer red plaid center square and (1) green plaid backing square with wrong sides together and edges even; pin along outer edge. Lay (2) $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" green plaid bias strips centered over different $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 11" green plaid bias strips. Position on red plaid square as you would ribbon on a package from side to side & crisscrossing in the center. Stitch thru center of doubled strips with green cotton thread. Use remaining doubled green plaid bias strips for ribbon ends (about 9" long). Arrange doubled strips diagonally across center of ribbon intersection; stitch thru center of doubled strips.

TAG - Snip off 2 corners of tan plaid 2" x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to make the tag. Position on center block as shown in color picture. Stitch about $\frac{1}{8}$ " from raw edges with red or green cotton thread. Write or stitch desired name on tag.

BOW - Create a "bow" by layering the $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 10" green plaid bias strip over the 1" x 10" strip; make about a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " flat bow overlapping ends on center back. (I stitched the bottom part of the bow to the quilt so it would stay in position after it's washed.)

BUTTONS - Tie or tack doubled buttons on center of flat bow.



ROW #1 - CANDY CANES

- front - (8) tan plaid #1 - 11" sq.
- back - (8) green plaid 11" sq.
- candy canes - (8 + 8R) assorted red plaids

Trace templates for CANDY CANES onto freezer paper for a total of (8 + 8R). Fuse to (3) assorted red plaids, shiny side down, so that some of each plaid are reversed. Cut on drawn lines; remove freezer paper gently.

(HINT: Sometimes freezer paper sticks too well. To avoid distorting applique, fuse and remove freezer paper from flannel a couple of times before cutting to reduce the amount of stickiness.)

Layer (8) tan #1 plaid squares and (8) assorted green plaid backing squares with wrong sides together and edges even; pin along outer edge. Arrange candy canes on squares as shown in color picture and below - (4) diagonally for the corner blocks and (4) set straight for the side blocks. Stitch about $\frac{1}{8}$ " from raw edges of candy canes with red cotton thread thru all layers.

MAKE 4



MAKE 4



ROW #2 - RIBBON STRIPES

- front - (16) tan plaid #2 - 11" sq.
- back - (16) assorted tan plaid 11" sq.
- ribbon - (32) assorted green plaid $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 11" bias strips
- ribbon - (32) assorted green plaid $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" bias strips
- ribbon - (16) assorted red plaid $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 11" bias strips
- ribbon - (16) assorted red plaid $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" bias strips

Layer (16) tan #2 plaid squares and (16) assorted tan plaid backing squares with wrong sides together and edges even; pin along outer edge. Lay $\frac{1}{2}$ " red plaid bias strips over $\frac{3}{4}$ " red plaid bias strips and arrange across center of block. Stitch thru center of doubled strips with red cotton thread. Lay $\frac{1}{2}$ " green plaid bias strips over $\frac{3}{4}$ " green plaid bias strips and position on blocks about 2" away on both sides of red strips. Stitch thru center of doubled strips with green cotton thread. Make 12. For corners, fold block in half diagonally; crease. Lay $\frac{3}{4}$ " red plaid bias strip on block from one edge to creased center; fold for 90° angle. Layer $\frac{1}{2}$ " red plaid bias strip and fold as for $\frac{3}{4}$ " red plaid bias strip. Repeat for green plaid bias strips. Make 4. (Don't worry if the stripes don't match up in the seam allowances. It's primitive!)

MAKE 12



MAKE 4



ROW #3 - CANDY TWISTS

- front - (24) tan plaid #3 - 11" sq.
- back - (24) assorted red plaid 11" sq.
- candy twists - (12) assorted red plaid
- candy twists - (12) assorted green plaid