

# Christmas Present Quilt

Finished Size: 44" x 57" (111.76 cm x 144.78 cm)



## Supplies Needed

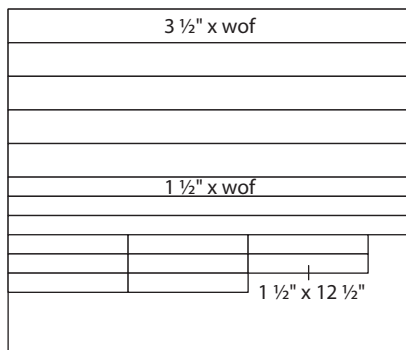
- 6 - 18" x 21" (45.72cm x 53.34cm) Fat Quarters
- 1 yd White fabric
- 1 yd Red fabric
- Coordinating thread
- 45" x 60" (114.3cm x 152.4cm) Low-loft batting
- 2 ¼ yd Backing fabric

## Before you begin

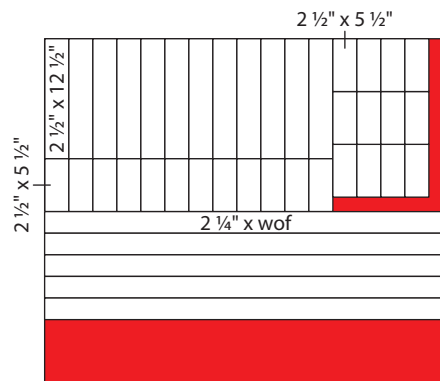
Please read all instructions before starting. Do not pre-wash fabrics. Press fabrics with dry iron on cotton setting before cutting. Use a ¼" (6.35mm) seam allowance unless otherwise noted. Place fabrics right sides together (RST) when sewing. Press seams in direction of arrows or open. Block size 12 ½" (31.75cm) including seam allowances. wof = width of fabric

## Cutting

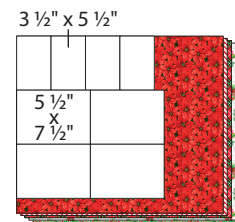
Each fat quarter makes two blocks.



White (1yd) - Cut 5 - 3 ½" (8.89cm) x wof  
Cut 3 - 1 ½" (5.08cm) x wof  
Cut 8 - 1 ½" x 12 ½" (5.08cm x 31.75cm)



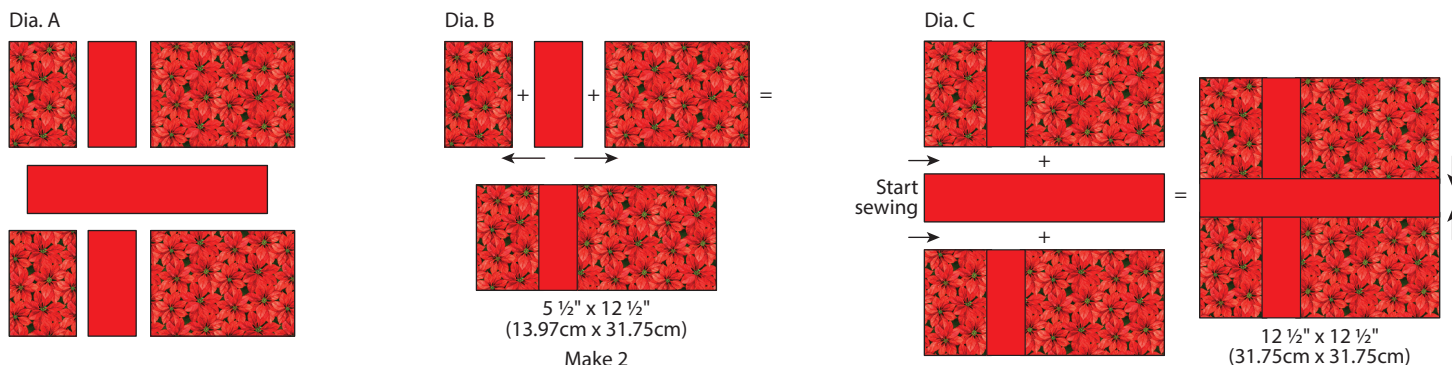
Red (1 yd) - Cut 12 - 2 ½" x 12 ½" (6.35cm x 31.75cm)  
Cut 24 - 2 ½" x 5 ½" (6.35cm x 13.97cm)  
Cut 5 - 2 ¼" (5.72cm) x wof for Binding



6 Fat quarters (18" x 21" / 45.72cm x 53.34cm)  
Cut 4 - 3 ½" x 5 ½" (8.89cm x 13.97cm)  
Cut 4 - 5 ½" x 7 ½" (13.97cm x 19.05cm)

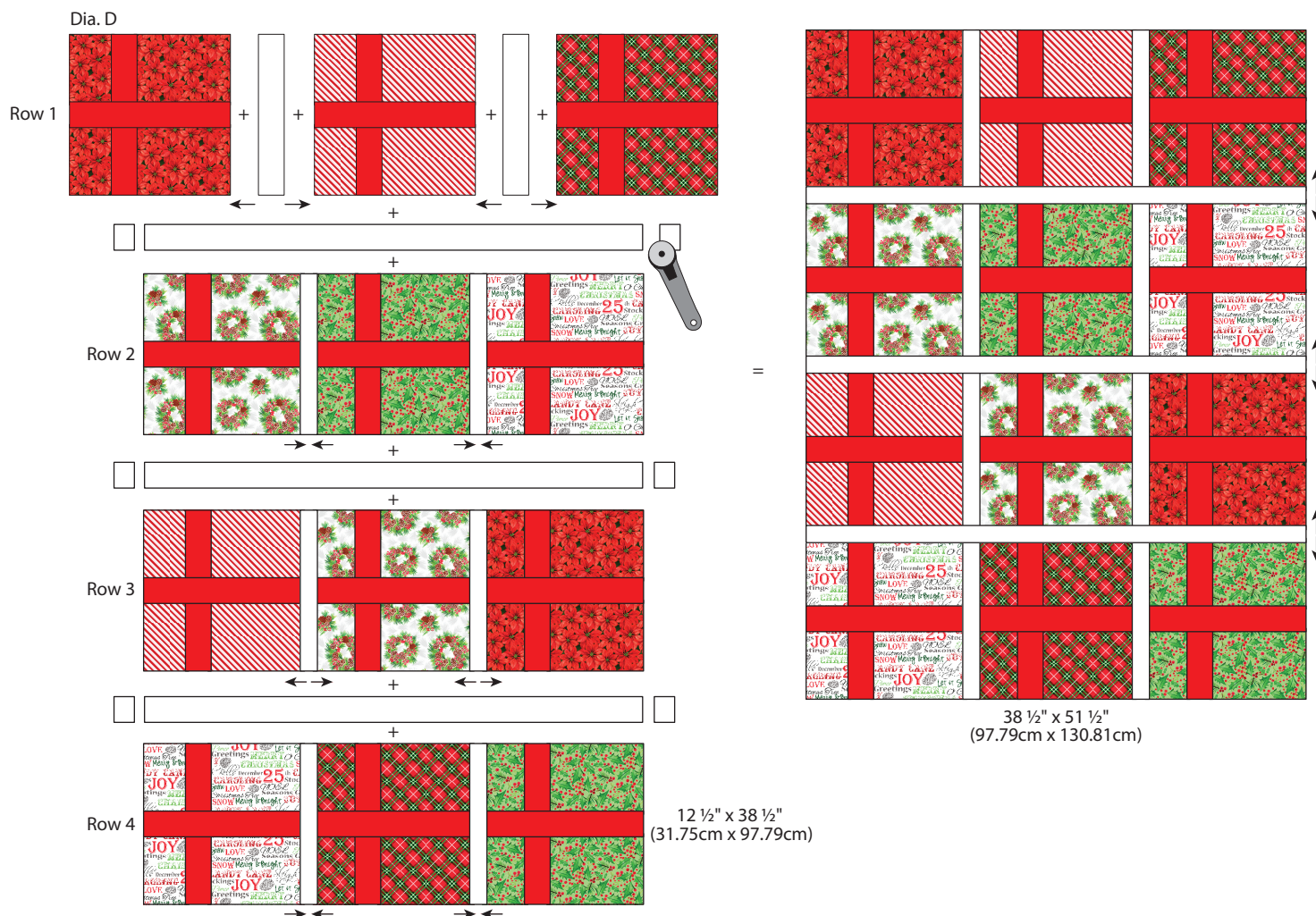
# Piecing

1. Lay out the pieces for one block (Dia. A).
2. Pin the pieces RST; sew, press seams in direction of arrows. The pieced rows should measure  $5\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$  (13.97cm x 31.75cm) (Dia. B).
3. Place red rectangle  $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$  (6.35cm x 31.75cm) between the pieced sections; pin RST. **Note:** See *Tips* for a tip on matching seams on page 4. Start sewing from the  $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 5\frac{1}{2}"$  (8.89cm x 13.97cm) side for easier matching. Press. The finished size should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$  (31.75cm x 31.75cm) (Dia. C). Repeat with remaining fabrics to make 12 blocks.



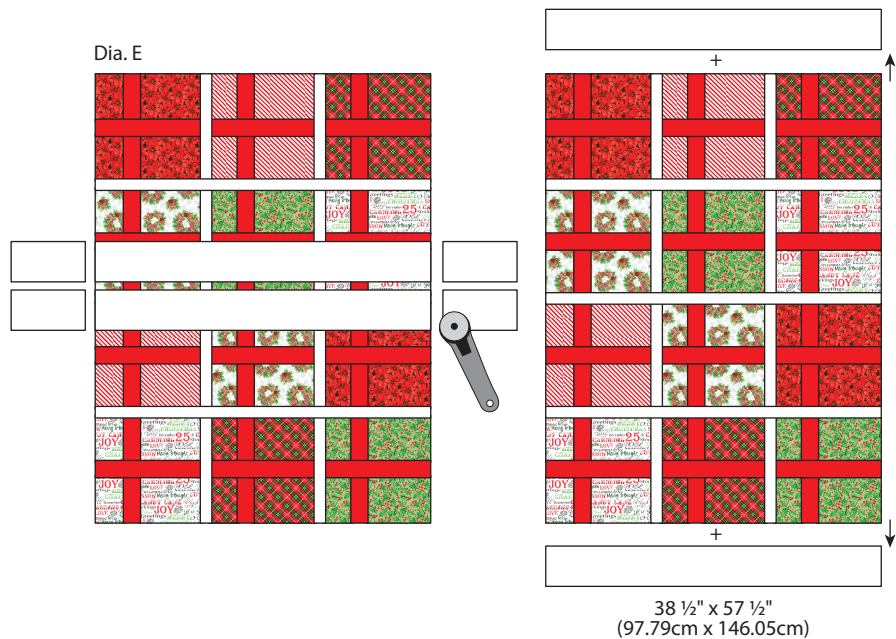
# Sewing Rows

4. Arrange the blocks in four rows as shown in Diagram D. Place white sashing  $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$  (3.81cm x 31.75cm) between each block. Pin RST and sew blocks together in Rows 1-4; press. Each row should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}" \times 38\frac{1}{2}"$  (31.75cm x 97.79cm).
5. Place the three  $1\frac{1}{2}"$  (3.81cm) x wof strips in between rows (Dia. D). Trim the three  $1\frac{1}{2}"$  (3.81cm) x wof strips to match the length of the rows, ideally  $38\frac{1}{2}"$  (97.79cm). Add the white  $1\frac{1}{2}"$  (3.81cm) strips to the pieced block rows, matching the sashing, blocks, and ends; pin well. Sew the rows together. The finished size should be  $38\frac{1}{2}" \times 51\frac{1}{2}"$  (97.79cm x 130.81cm).

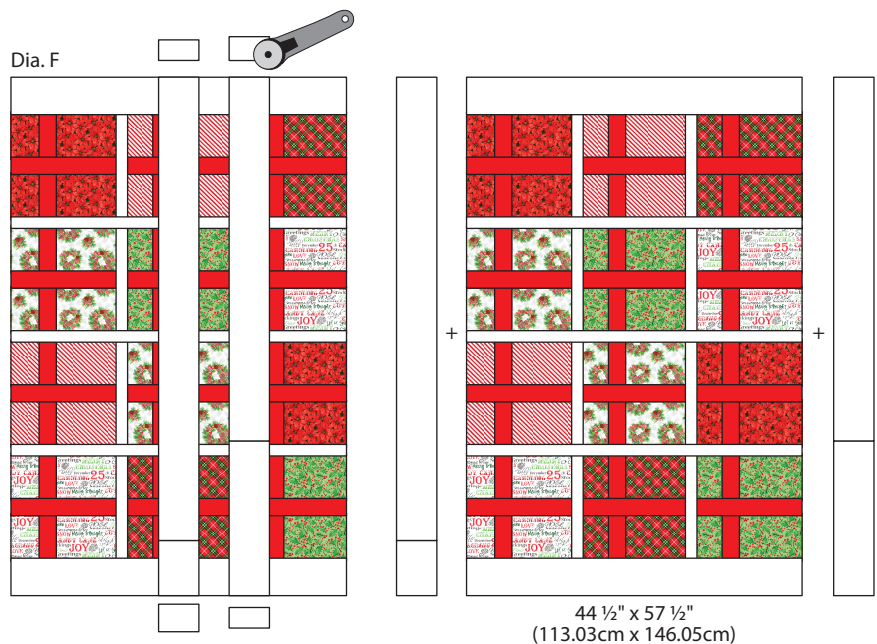


# Sewing Borders

- To measure the top and bottom borders, place two 3 1/2" (8.89cm) x wof white strips across center of quilt top. Mark and trim to length, ideally 38 1/2" (97.79cm). Add the 3 1/2" (8.89cm) trimmed strips to the top and bottom of the quilt center; pin and sew. Press seams toward the borders (Dia E).

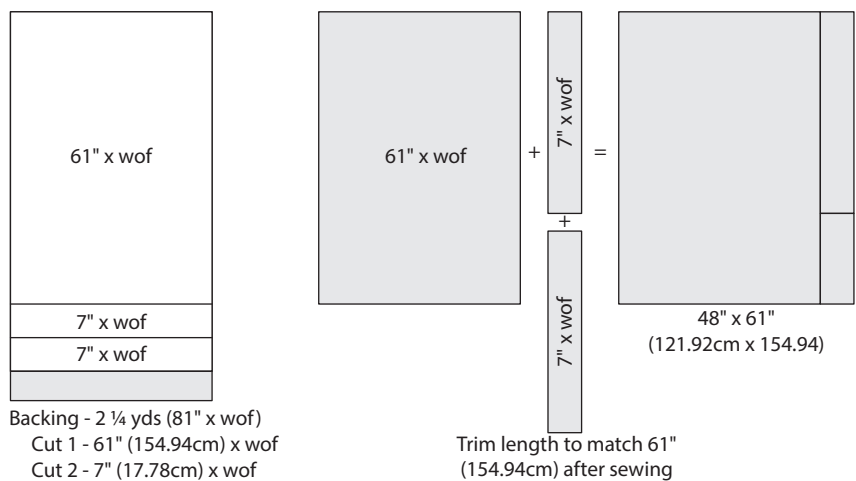


- Sew the remaining three 3 1/2" (8.89cm) x wof white strips together. To measure the side borders, place across center of quilt top, mark and trim. Pin to the sides, sew, and press. Finished quilt top should measure 44 1/2" x 57 1/2" (113.03cm x 146.05cm) (Diagram F)



## Backing:

- From 2 1/4 yards, cut and piece to make 48" x 61" (121.92cm x 154.94cm) backing.

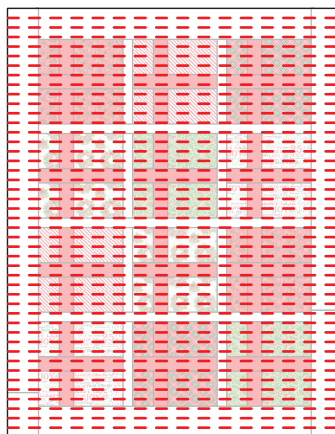




## Quilting

9. Press the finished quilt top and backing fabric. Tape the backing **wrong** side up to a firm surface. Layer batting and quilt top (right side up). Baste the layers together with safety pins. Quilt in the ditch (next to each seam) and between the sashing to secure the quilt top, batting, and backing. For a simple quilting design, quilt straight lines from side to side or an all over free motion design (Dia. G).
10. Once quilting is complete, square up corners and edges, trimming excess backing and batting even with the quilt top.

Dia. G



Stitch horizontal lines 1" (2.54cm) apart

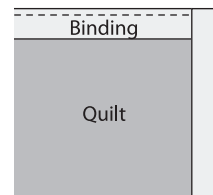
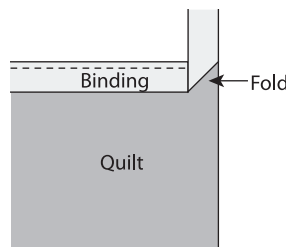
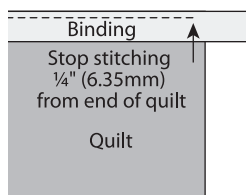


All over stippling

## Finishing

11. To make the binding, sew the short ends of the five red binding strips, 2 1/4" (5.72cm) x wof, RST end to end to make one continuous strip; press seams open. Press one short end 1/4" (6.35mm) to the **wrong** side. Fold in half lengthwise with **wrong** sides together; press. Leaving a 2" (5.08cm) tail on the folded end, pin the cut edges of the folded binding even with the edge of the quilt top. Sew using a 1/4" (6.35mm) seam allowance and miter the corners. Overlap ends, trim any excess and finish sewing the binding. Fold binding over to the back and hand stitch in place.

Press seam open



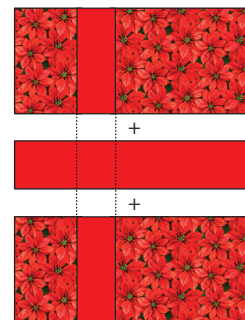
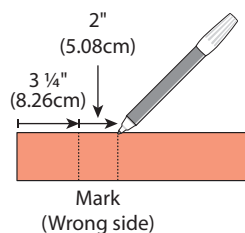
## Finished Care Instructions:

12. Machine wash in cold water; gentle cycle, with a color catcher sheet to grab any colors during washing. Lay flat to dry or tumble dry low. Remove from dryer immediately.

## Tips:

### Matching Pieced Blocks:

Before step 3, mark the long edge of red rectangle 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" (6.35cm x 31.75cm) at 3 1/4" (8.26cm) and again 2" (5.08cm) from there. Match the marks on the red rectangle to the pieced rows, pin RST, & proceed with step 3.



Match, pin & sew