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PROJECT: Snowman Quartet

No matter where you sit in relation
to this table topper, a happy snowman will be smiling at you.

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FINISHED QUILT: 26½" square**FINISHED BLOCK: 6" square****MATERIALS**

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 18×21" piece (fat quarter) white tone-on-tone (embroidery background)
- ¾ yard total assorted red prints (blocks, middle border)
- ⅓ yard dark red print (inner and outer borders)
- ⅓ yard red diagonal stripe (binding; If you don't have a diagonal stripe, cut a regular stripe on the bias for the same effect.)
- 1 yard backing fabric
- 33" square batting
- Embroidery floss: variegated red (DMC 115)
- Perle cotton No. 8 for hand quilting: ecru
- Fine-line permanent marker: red (or other marking tool of your choice)
- Lightweight fusible interfacing (optional)

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

If you'd rather embroider on one large piece of background fabric (to make it easier to use a hoop), don't cut out the white tone-on-tone rectangles and squares. Instead, trace the dimensions of the squares and rectangles onto the fat quarter, stitch the designs, then cut out the squares and rectangles.

From white tone-on-tone, cut:

- 4-5×7" rectangles
- 4-3" squares
- 2-1½×2" rectangles

From assorted red prints, cut:

- 8-1½×6½" strips
- 85-2½" squares

From dark red print, cut:

- 2-1½×26½" outer border strips
- 2-1½×24½" outer border strips
- 2-1½×20½" inner border strips
- 2-1½×18½" inner border strips

From red diagonal stripe, cut:

- 3-2½×42" binding strips

EMBROIDER SNOWMEN AND SNOWFLAKES

The Snowman and Snowflake Embroidery patterns are on page 6.

Use two strands of variegated red floss for all the embroidery stitches.

1 Tape Snowman Embroidery Pattern to a light box or sunny window.

Center a white tone-on-tone 5×7" rectangle atop pattern; tape in place. Using fine-line red permanent marker or other marking tool, trace snowman and stars onto fabric rectangle. Remove fabric rectangle from light box. Repeat to trace a snowman on each white tone-on-tone 5×7" rectangle.

2 Repeat Step 1 to trace Snowflake Embroidery Pattern onto each white tone-on-tone 3" square.**3 If desired, help prevent red stitches from showing through by fusing lightweight fusible interfacing to the backs of the traced pieces. To do this, cut a square or rectangle of interfacing slightly smaller than each traced piece and follow manufacturer's instructions to fuse it in place.****4 Use a backstitch to stitch snowman outline, stick arms, mouth, and large stars.**

To backstitch, pull threaded needle up at A. Insert it back into fabric at B, about $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from A (**Backstitch Diagram**). Holding floss out of the way, bring needle back up at C and pull floss through so it lies flat against fabric. Continue in same manner, pulling with equal tautness after each stitch.

5 Referring to photo, page 5, use closely spaced rows of backstitches to stitch scarf stripes. Outline the scarf with a backstitch.

6 Use a satin stitch to make the snowman nose.

To satin-stitch, pull needle up at A, then insert it back into fabric at B (**Satin Stitch Diagram**). Holding thread out of the way, bring needle back up at C, then insert it back into fabric at D; the CD stitch should lie against AB stitch. Continue in same manner, adjusting stitch lengths as needed to cover the desired area from edge to edge.

7 Use one French knot for each eye and four closely spaced French knots for the snowman buttons.

To make a French knot, pull threaded needle through at A, the point where knot is desired (**French Knot Diagram**). Wrap floss around needle two or three times. Insert tip of needle into fabric at B, $\frac{1}{16}$ " away from A. Gently push wraps down needle to meet fabric. Pull needle and trailing floss through fabric slowly and smoothly.

8 Cross-stitch four Xs at the bottom of the snowman.

To cross-stitch, pull needle up at A, insert it back into fabric at B and bring it up at C, then push needle down again at D (**Cross-Stitch Diagram**).

9 Referring to photo, page 5, use a straight stitch to add fringe to the scarf and the small stars in the background to make an embroidered snowman rectangle.**10 Repeat steps 4-9 to make four embroidered snowman rectangles total.****11 Using a backstitch and the traced white tone-on-tone 3" squares, make four embroidered snowflake squares.**

- 12** Press and trim embroidered snowman rectangles to $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press and trim embroidered snowflake squares to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

ASSEMBLE BLOCKS

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

- 1** Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together nine assorted red print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares in three rows. Join rows to make a Nine-Patch block. The block should be $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

- 2** Using eight assorted red print squares and one embroidered snowflake $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square, repeat Step 1 to make a snowflake Nine-Patch block (**Diagram 2**).

- 3** Repeat Step 2 to make four snowflake Nine-Patch blocks total.

- 4** Sew assorted red print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to long edges of an embroidered snowman rectangle to make a snowman block (**Diagram 3**). Repeat to make four snowman blocks total.

ASSEMBLE QUILT TOP

- 1** Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, lay out all blocks in three rows; note rotation of snowman blocks.

- 2** Sew together blocks in each row. Press seams toward Nine-Patch blocks. Join rows to make quilt center. Press seams in one direction. The quilt center should be $18\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

- 3** Sew dark red print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 18\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Add dark red

print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward border.

- 4** Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, sew together 10 assorted red print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares to make a short middle border strip. Press seams in one direction. The strip should be $2\frac{1}{2} \times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second short middle border strip. Add short middle border strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Press seams toward inner border.

- 5** Using 12 assorted red print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for each strip, repeat Step 4 to make two long middle border strips. Each long middle border strip should be $2\frac{1}{2} \times 24\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Add long middle border strips to remaining edges.

- 6** Sew dark red print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 24\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Add dark red print $1\frac{1}{2} \times 26\frac{1}{2}$ " outer border strips to remaining edges to complete quilt top. Press all seams toward outer border.

FINISH QUILT

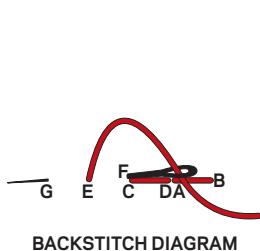
- 1** Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste.

- 2** Quilt as desired. In each Nine-Patch block and in the middle border, designer Gail Pan used ecru perle cotton No. 8 to hand-quilt $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the inside and outside edges of the squares formed by the ring of the red print squares (**Quilting Diagram**). She stitched a wavy line through the center of the red print strips on either side of the embroidered snowmen and through the inner and outer borders.

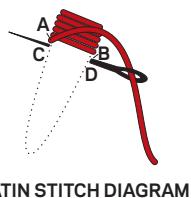
- 3** Bind with red diagonal stripe binding strips.

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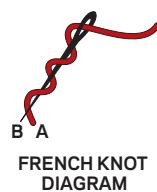
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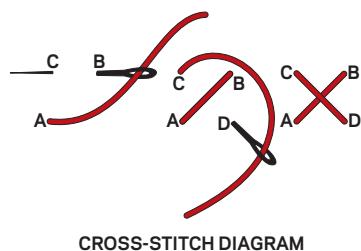
BACKSTITCH DIAGRAM



SATIN STITCH DIAGRAM



FRENCH KNOT
DIAGRAM



CROSS-STITCH DIAGRAM

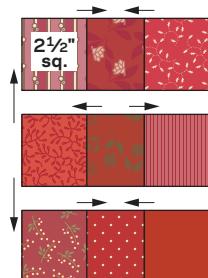


DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2

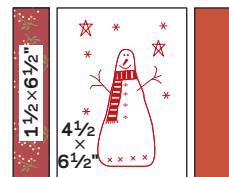
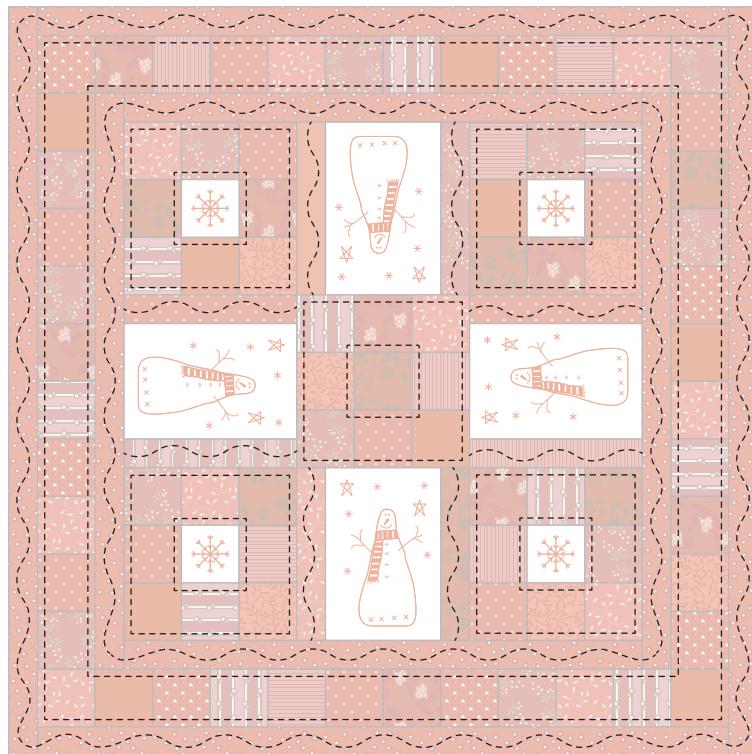


DIAGRAM 3



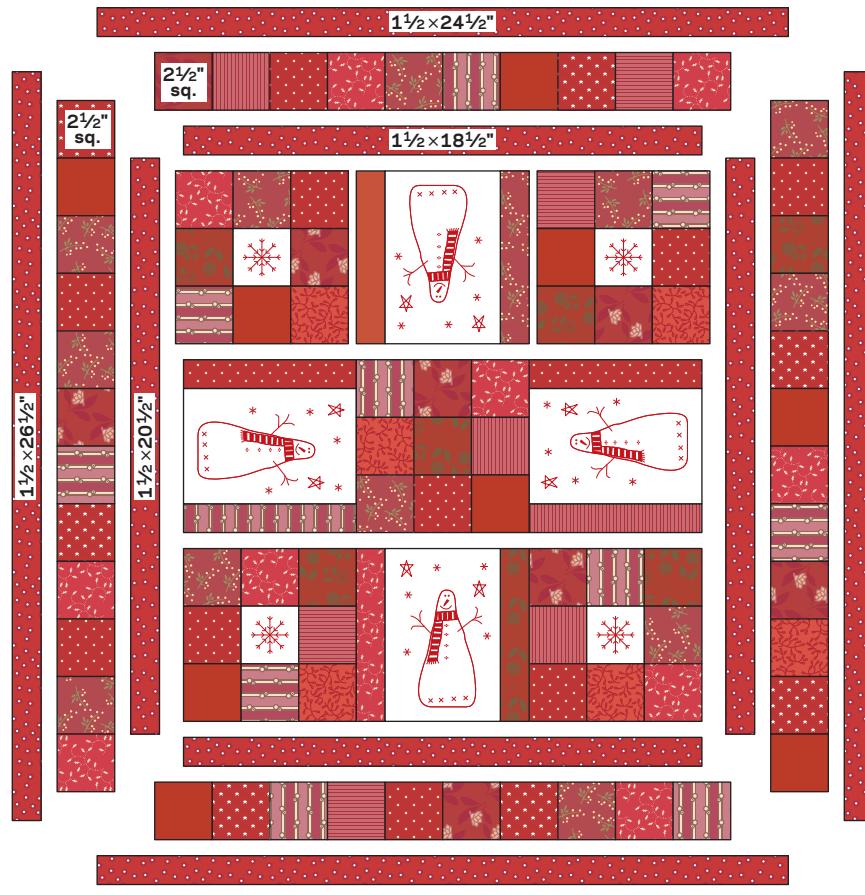
QUILTING DIAGRAM

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QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

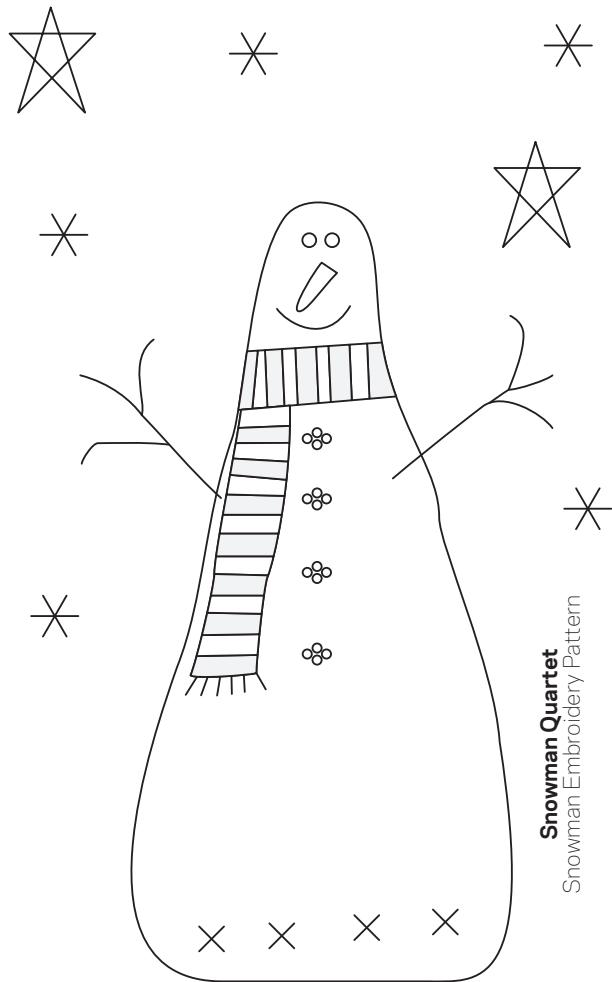


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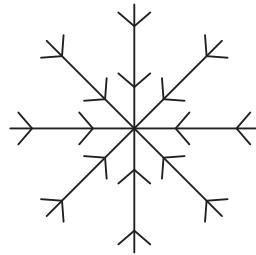
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This box should
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