

PROJECT: Center Pieces



# center PIECES

Create a table runner in no time with precut strips left over from another project and chain piecing.

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## MATERIALS

11—2½×42" precut strips assorted prints (table runner center) (Designer Lynette Jensen used coordinating strips left over from another project)

1⅞ yards yellow print (border, binding)

2¼ yards backing fabric

28×80" batting

## FINISHED TABLE RUNNER:

20×72"

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width. Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

## CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From yellow print, cut:

- 4—4¼×42" strips for border
- 5—2½×42" binding strips
- 2—4¼×12½" border strips

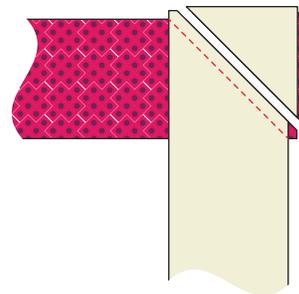


DIAGRAM 1

## ASSEMBLE TABLE RUNNER CENTER

For the featured table runner, designer Lynette Jensen used the technique known as the “Jelly Roll Race.”

- 1) Using diagonal seams, join assorted print 2½×42" strips along short edges to make a pieced strip about 440" long (**Diagram 1**). Trim seam allowances to ¼" and press seams open.

- 2) Cut an 18"-long strip from one end of pieced strip (this allows seams to offset each other as table runner center is assembled).

- 3) With right side inside, fold pieced strip in half, matching short raw edges. Sew together along one long edge, stopping  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from fold (**Diagram 2**). Slip a scissors inside fold and cut pieced strip in half. Open pieces to make a  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 211$ " strip (**Diagram 3**).

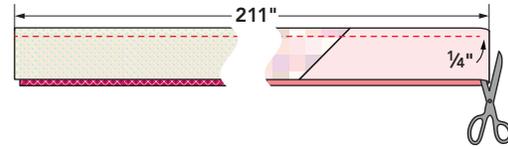


DIAGRAM 2

- 4) Fold  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 211$ " strip in half as before, matching short raw ends. Sew and cut as before to make an  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 105\frac{1}{2}$ " strip.

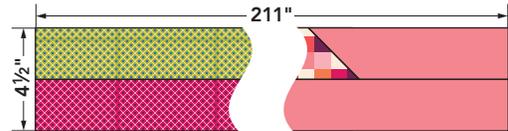


DIAGRAM 3

- 5) Repeat the folding, sewing, and cutting process a total of five times to make a pieced unit. Press seams in one direction. The unit should be approximately  $13 \times 64\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Trim pieced unit to  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 64\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances to make table runner center.

#### ADD BORDER

- 1) Join yellow print  $4\frac{1}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to short edges of table runner center (**Table Runner Assembly Diagram**). Press seams toward border.
- 2) Cut and piece yellow print  $4\frac{1}{4} \times 42$ " strips to make:
  - 2— $4\frac{1}{4} \times 72$ " border strips
- 3) Add  $4\frac{1}{4} \times 72$ " border strips to remaining edges to complete table runner top. Press seams toward border.

#### FINISH TABLE RUNNER

- 1) Layer table runner top, batting, and backing; baste.
- 2) Quilt as desired. Clarine Howe machine-quilted five-petal flowers and swirls across the table runner top.
- 3) Bind with yellow print binding strips.

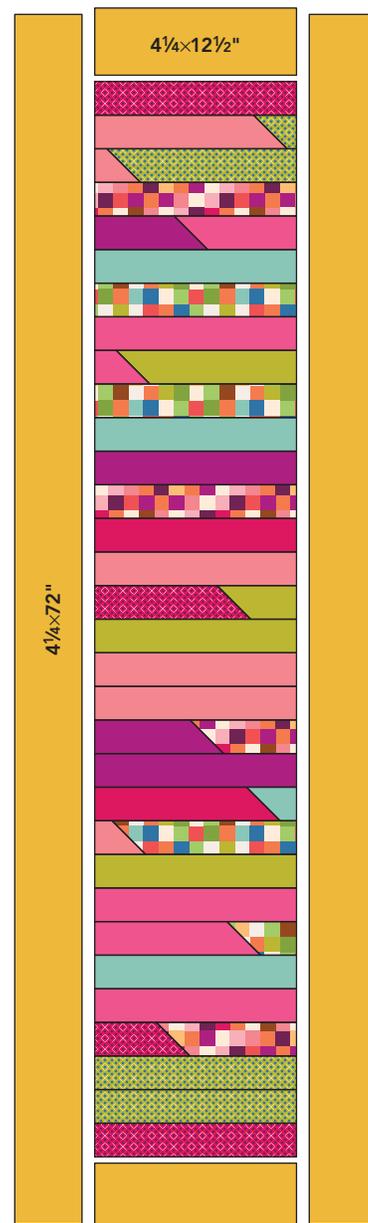


TABLE RUNNER ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM