

Project: Red, White & Blue Table Runner

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Begin with traditional Rail Fence units and add triangles and squares to make three striking blocks. These prints from Minick & Simpson's Flag Day Farm collection for Moda Fabrics make a festive table runner.

Materials

- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard total assorted red prints (blocks, sashing)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ yard total assorted blue prints (blocks, sashing, binding)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard total assorted white stripes and prints (blocks)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards backing fabric
- 23x51" batting

Finished quilt: $16\frac{1}{2} \times 44\frac{1}{2}$ "

Finished block: 12" square

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

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

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From assorted red prints, cut:

- 8— $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square sashing squares
- 12— 2×5 " rectangles
- 1—5" square
- 6—4" squares, cutting each diagonally for 12 small triangles total

From assorted blue prints, cut:

- 10— $2\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strips
- 24— 2×5 " rectangles
- 2—5" squares
- Enough $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide strips to equal 135" in length for binding strips

From assorted white stripes and prints, cut:

- 3— $7\frac{5}{8}$ " squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 12 large triangles total

Assemble Blocks

1. Sew together one red print 2×5 " rectangle and two blue print 2×5 " rectangles to make a Rail Fence unit (**Diagram 1**). Press seams toward blue print rectangles. Repeat to make 12 Rail Fence units total.
2. Join two Rail Fence units to opposite edges of blue print 5" square to make block center (**Diagram 2**; note direction of seams in units). Press seams toward square.
3. Join assorted white stripe or print large triangles to opposite edges of a remaining Rail Fence unit to make a block side (**Diagram 3**; note direction of seams in unit). Press seams toward triangles. Repeat to make a second block side.
4. Lay out block sides and block center in three diagonal rows (**Diagram 4**). Join rows; press seams toward block center. Add assorted red print small triangles to corners to complete a block. Press seams toward small triangles. The block should be $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 to make a second blue block.
6. Using the red print 5" square and remaining white large triangles and Rail Fence units, repeat steps 2-4 to make a red block (**Diagram 5**).

Assemble Table Runner

1. Referring to **Table Runner Assembly Diagram**, lay out blocks, blue print sashing strips, and red print sashing squares in seven horizontal rows.
2. Sew together pieces in each row; press seams toward sashing strips. Join rows to make table runner top. Press seams toward sashing rows.

Finish Table Runner

1. Layer table runner top, batting, and backing; baste.
2. Quilt as desired.
3. Using diagonal seams, join assorted blue print binding strips to make a pieced binding strip. Bind with pieced binding strip.

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DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2

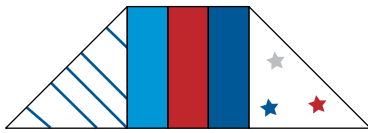


DIAGRAM 3

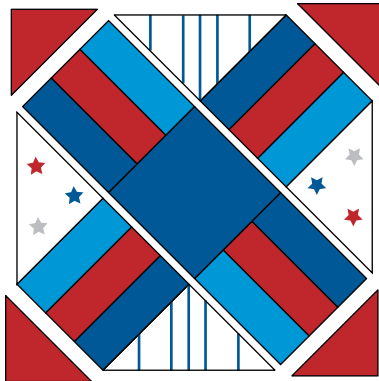


DIAGRAM 4

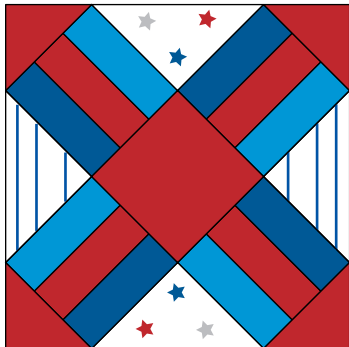


DIAGRAM 5

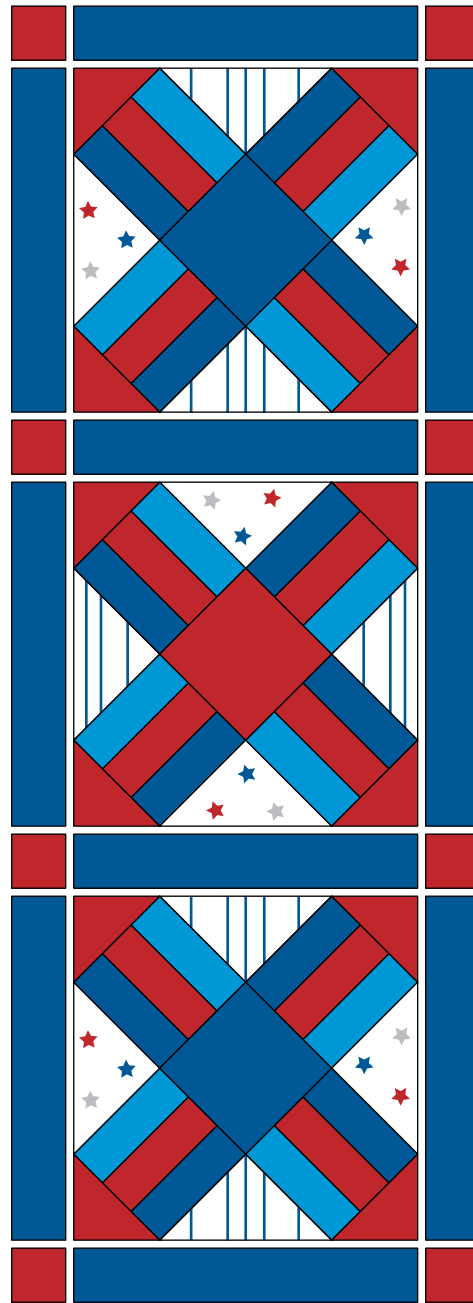


TABLE RUNNER ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM