

Project: Squares and Strips Table Runner

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Create an extra-long table runner using the Carnival collection from Red Rooster Fabrics ([redroosterfabrics.com](http://redroosterfabrics.com)). The light background provides room for quilting experimentation: Try a light-color thread for a subtle look or, for more pizzazz, use a black-and-red variegated thread.

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**Materials**

- 1¾ yards total assorted red, black, and gray prints (blocks, outer border, binding)
- 1¾ yards light gray print (blocks, inner border)
- 2⅞ yards backing fabric
- 35×83" batting

Finished quilt: 26½×74½"

Finished blocks: 6" square

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

**Measurements** include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

**Cut Fabrics**

Cut pieces in the following order.

**From assorted red, black, and gray prints, cut:**

- 18—2½×21" strips for outer border and binding
- 16—2½×11" strips
- 22—2½×8½" rectangles
- 4—2½" squares

**From light gray print, cut:**

- 4—2½×42" strips for inner border
- 4—6½×18½" rectangles
- 17—2½×11" strips
- 4—2½×4½" rectangles

**Assemble Blocks**

1. Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together two assorted red, black, or gray print 2½×11" strips and one light gray print 2½×11" strip to make strip set A. Press seams away from light gray print. Repeat to make five A strip sets total. Cut strip sets into 20—2½"-wide A segments.

2. Referring to **Diagram 2**, sew together one assorted red, black, or gray print 2½×11" strip and two light gray print 2½×11" strips to make strip set B. Press seams away from light gray print. Repeat to make six B strip sets total. Cut strip sets into 21—2½"-wide B segments.

3. Referring to **Diagram 3**, sew together one assorted red, black, or gray print 2½" square and a light gray print 2½×4½" rectangle to make a C segment. Press seam away from light gray print. The C segment should be 2½×6½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four C segments total.

4. Referring to **Diagram 4**, sew together two A segments and one B segment to make block A. Press seams toward A segments. Block A should be 6½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make five A blocks total.

5. Referring to **Diagram 5**, sew together one A segment and two B segments to make block B. Press seams toward A segment. Block B should be 6½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make six B blocks total.

6. Referring to **Diagram 6**, sew together one A segment, one B segment, and one C segment to make block C. Press seams away from B segment. Block C should be 6½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four C blocks total.

**Assemble Quilt Center**

1. Sew together two A blocks and one B block to make a pieced row (**Diagram 7**). Press seams toward A blocks. The pieced row should be 6½×18½" including seam allowances. Sew a light gray print 6½×18½" rectangle to each long edge of pieced row to make a side unit; press seams toward rectangles. The side unit should be 18½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make two side units total.
2. Lay out one A block, four B blocks, and four C blocks in three rows (**Diagram 8**; note rotation of C blocks). Sew together blocks in each row. Press seams toward A and C blocks. Join rows to make a center unit; press seams in one direction. The center unit should be 18½" square including seam allowances.
3. Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, sew side units to opposite edges of center unit to make table runner center. Press seams toward side units. The quilt center should be 18½×54½" including seam allowances.

**Assemble and Add Borders**

1. Cut and piece light gray print 2½×42" strips to make:
  - 2—2½×54½" inner border strips
  - 2—2½×22½" inner border strips
2. Sew short inner border strips to short edges of quilt center. Add long inner border strips to remaining edges. Press all seams toward inner border.

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- 3.** Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, sew together 11 assorted red, black, and gray print  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles along long edges to make a short outer border strip. Press seams in one direction. The short outer border strip should be  $8\frac{1}{2}\times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second short outer border strip.
- 4.** Sew short outer border strips to short edges of quilt center. Press seams toward inner border.
- 5.** Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, join four assorted red, black, and gray  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 21$ " strips along short edges to make a long outer border strip. Trim long outer border strip to  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 74\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second long outer border strip.
- 6.** Sew long outer border strips to remaining edges of quilt center to complete quilt top. Press seams toward inner border.

### Finish Quilt

- 1.** Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.
- 2.** Using diagonal seams, sew together remaining assorted red, black, and gray print  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 21$ " strips to make a pieced binding strip. Bind quilt with pieced binding strip.

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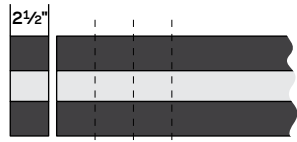


DIAGRAM 1

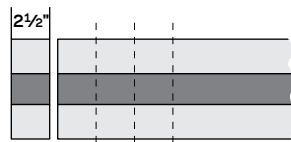
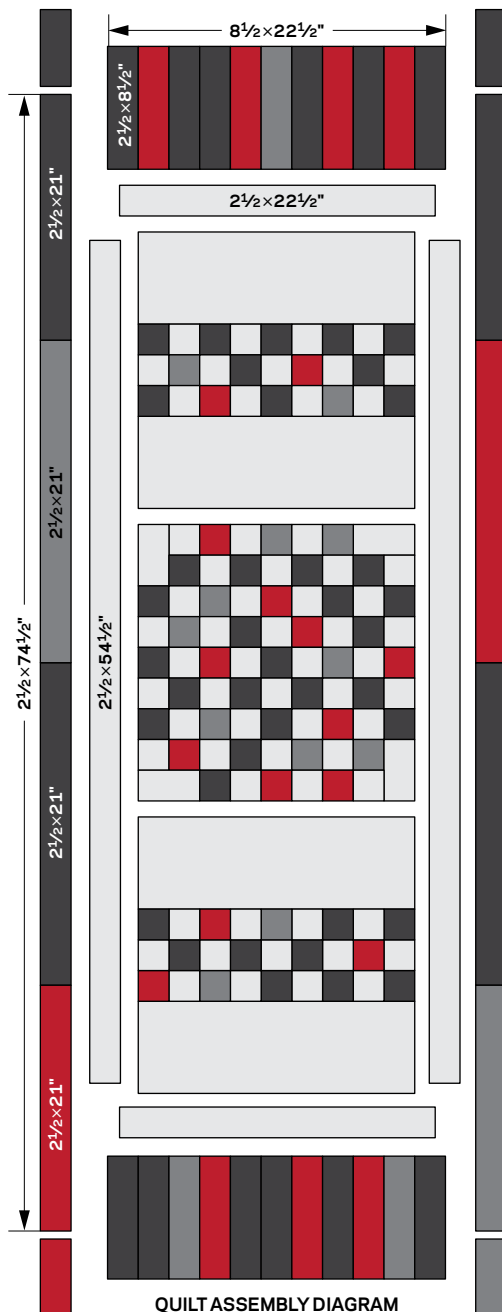


DIAGRAM 2



DIAGRAM 3



QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



DIAGRAM 4  
BLOCK A

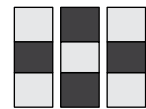


DIAGRAM 5  
BLOCK B



DIAGRAM 6  
BLOCK C

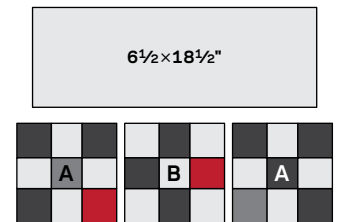


DIAGRAM 7

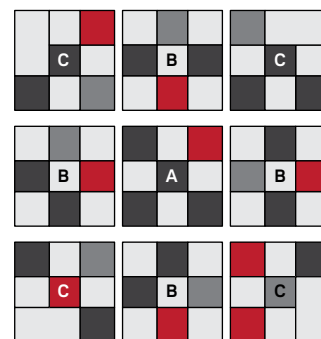


DIAGRAM 8