



Finished block size: 12" square (unfinished is 12 ½" square)

The Holiday Star reveals a secondary pattern when assembled into a quilt. You'll get to practice "snowballing" several corners – you'll be an expert! The feature fabric is provided; you get to add the red, green, and white (or off-white). This block is based on the Christmas Star by Alyce Blyth of Blossom Heart Quilts (www.blossomheartquilts.com/2015/11/november-noel-a-christmas-star-quilt-block/). Have fun!

Fabric

- 4 ½" square of feature print (provided)
- Green or green tone-on-tone print—about 1/8 yard
- Red or red tone on tone print – a strip about 3 ½" by 15"
- White or off-white, or white or off-white tone-on-tone print (or it could have a bit of gold metallic in it) – about 1/8 yard

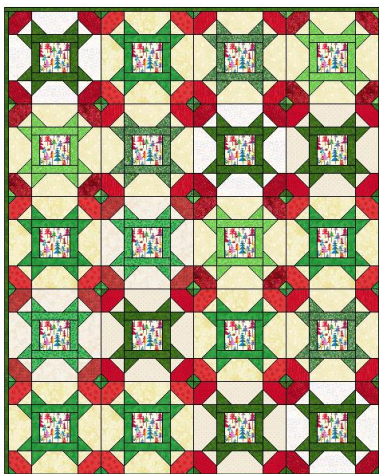
Cut

- Cut (2) 1 ½" by 4 ½" strips of the green fabric and (2) 1 ½" by 7" strips of the green fabric
- Cut (8) 2 ½" squares of the green fabric and (4) 1 ½" squares of the green fabric
- Cut (4) 3 ½" squares of the red fabric
- Cut (4) 2 ½" squares of the white/ off-white fabric
- Cut (4) 3 ½" by 6 ½" rectangles of the white/ off-white fabric

Sew

1. Sew the short green strips to either side of the feature print; press seam toward the strips. Sew the longer green strips to the top and bottom of the feature print; press toward the strips. Square up to be a 6 ½" square.
2. Draw a line diagonally across the wrong side of all of the green 2 ½" squares. Align a white rectangle with the long side horizontal. Place a marked green square on the top left corner, right sides together. Sew along the marked line. Trim off the upper part of the square, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press the green fabric toward the corner. (This is "snowballing.") Repeat for the top right corner of the white rectangle. Make 4.
3. Draw a line diagonally across the back of all of the white 2 ½" squares and all of the green 1 ½" squares. Snowball a white square on the corner of a red square, right sides together. Snowball a green 1 ½" square on the opposite corner. Make 4.
4. Arrange your units into rows, flowing the block illustration. Sew the rows, pressing the seams in alternate directions. Sew the rows together into the block and press seams open.

Sample Quilt Layout



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