

2022 AQS Christmas Countdown with Janome



Block Sixteen: Pretty Present Stack

Finished Block Size: 8½" x 8½" Unfinished Block Size: 9" x 9"

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Supplies

One button

Hand sewing needle

Cutting Instructions

From the background fabric, cut:

- (1) 9" x 3" rectangle for the top row
- (2) 3¾" x 2" rectangles for the sides of the small present
- (2) 2¼" x 2½" rectangles for the sides of the medium present
- (2) 1¼" x 3" rectangles for the sides of the large present

From the small present fabric, cut:

- (1) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" rectangle for the small present

From the medium present fabric, cut:

- (1) $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle for the medium present

From the large present fabric, cut:

- (1) $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" rectangle for the large present

From the ribbon fabric, cut:

- (2) $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for the bow

Block Instructions

1. Sew a background $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3" rectangle to each end of the large present $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" rectangle as shown below.



Row measures 9" x 3" rectangle.

2. Sew a background $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to each end of the medium present $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle as shown below.



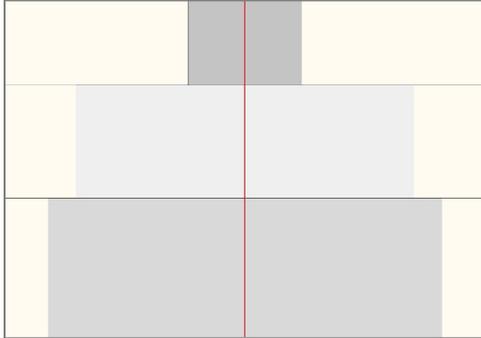
Row measures 9" x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Sew to the top of the previous row.

3. Sew a background $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2" rectangle to each end of the small present $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" rectangle as shown below.



Row measures 9" x 2" rectangle. Sew to the top of the previous row.

4. Fold the partial block in half to find the center of the stack of packages. Lightly press to create a line for the ribbon placement.



5. Fold a ribbon $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle in half lengthwise, right sides together. Sew the raw edges together to make a long tube. Turn the tube right side out and press. Repeat with the remaining ribbon rectangle.
6. Center the ribbon over the light crease line running through the center of the present stack. Top stitch the ribbon in place.
7. Sew the background 9" x 3" rectangle to the top of the block. Block measures 9" x 9" unfinished.
8. Cut the remaining ribbon in half. With one half, sew the short ends together, back stitch to secure.
9. Pinch the ribbon circle in the middle with the seam at the center back. This makes a bow loop on each side. Wrap the remaining ribbon around the center between the two bow loops and covering the back seam. Hand sew in place to secure.
10. Hand sew the bow to the center point above the ribbon in the center of the present stack.
11. Sew a button on top of the bow.