

2022 AQS Christmas Countdown with Janome



Block Eighteen: Christmas Chain

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

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Cutting Instructions

The block is made using scraps of each color group. There are three color groups, light background scraps, medium pink scraps, and dark green scraps.

To achieve a scrappy effect, cut the following fabrics from your collection of scraps for each group.

From the light background scraps, cut:

- (8) 2" x 2" squares
- (8) 2" x 3" rectangles
- (2) 1" x 1½" rectangles
- (1) 1" x 3" rectangle

From the medium pink scraps, cut:

- (4) 2" x 2" squares
- (2) 1½" x 1½" squares

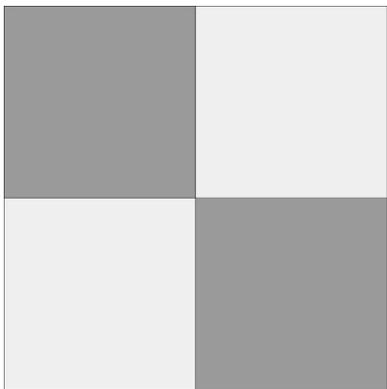
From the dark green scraps, cut:

- (4) 2" x 2" squares
- (2) 1½" x 1½" squares

Piecing Instructions

All piecing is done with an accurate 1/4" seam, using a 50wt 2-ply cotton thread.

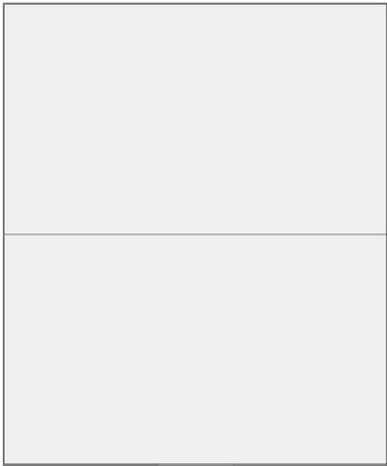
1. Sew a dark green 2" x 2" square to a light background 2" x 2" square. Press the seams to the dark fabric. Repeat and sew the two units together alternating the colors as shown below.



The Corner unit measures 3½" x 3½" square. Make 2.

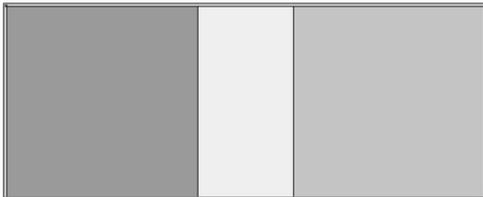
Repeat using the medium pink 2" x 2" squares to a light background 2" x 2" squares. Make 2.

2. Sew a light background 2" x 3" rectangle to long side of another light background 2" x 3" rectangle.



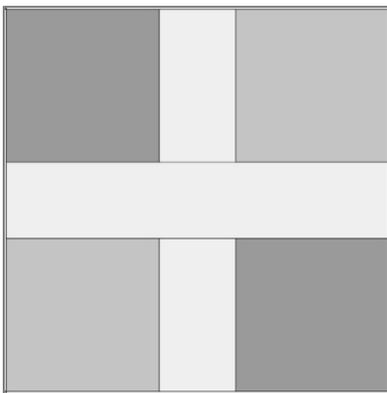
The Rail unit measures 3" x 3½" rectangle. Make 4.

3. Sew a dark green 1½" x 1½" square to one side of a light background 1" x 1½" rectangle. Sew a medium pink 1½" x 1½" square to the other side of the light background 1" x 1½" rectangle.



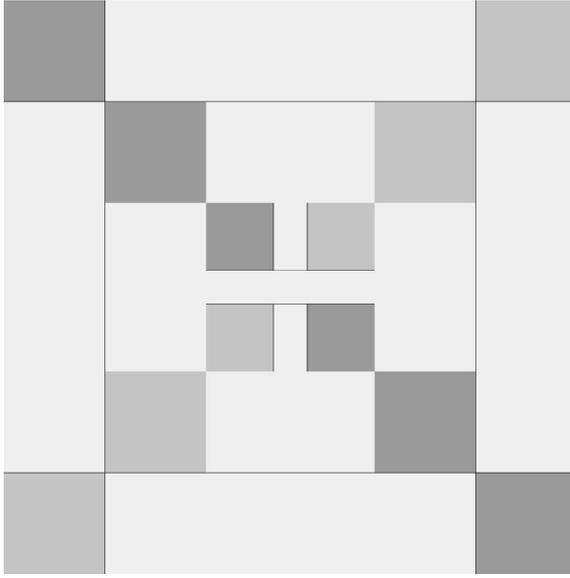
The unit measures 1½" x 3" rectangle. Make 2.

4. Sew a unit made in the previous step, to each side of the light background 1" x 3" rectangle, watching the placement of the fabrics.



The Center unit measures 3" x 3" square.

5. Layout the units as shown below. Sew the units into rows, then sew the rows together to complete the block.



The block measures 9" x 9" unfinished.

If you choose to use this block for a small table runner, or other project, play with the block layout on your design wall, or other flat surface. The medium and dark diagonal chains make nice secondary designs.