

2022 AQS Christmas Countdown with Janome



Block Eight: The Janomies

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

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Cutting Instructions

Cut the following for each of the four Janomies Units.

From the hat fabric, cut:

(1) 2½" x 4½" rectangle for the Flying Geese unit

From the background fabric, cut:

(2) 2½" x 2½" squares for the Flying Geese unit

(1) 1½" x 1½" square for the small Half Square Triangles

From the body fabric, cut:

(2) 2" x 2" squares for the Flying Geese unit

(2) 1" x 2" rectangles

(1) 1" x 3½" rectangle

(1) 1½" x 1½" square for the small Half Square Triangles

From the beard fabric, cut:

(1) 2" x 3½" rectangle for the Flying Geese unit

From the nose fabric, cut:

(1) 1" x 1" square for the nose

From Steam-A-Seam, cut:

(1) 1" x 1" square for the nose

Cut one set of the following for the block.

From the sashing fabric, cut:

(1) 1" x 9" rectangle

(2) 1" x 4½" rectangles

Janomie Unit Instructions

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the backside of the background 1½" x 1½" square. Lay a marked background square over a body 1½" x 1½" square, right sides together. Sew a quarter inch from each side of the marked line. Cut apart on the marked line. Press toward the print fabric. Trim each Half Square Triangle to 1" square. Makes 2.
2. Sew a 1" Half Square Triangle to each end of the body 1" x 3½" rectangle matching the body fabric of the Half Square Triangle to the rectangle. Press the seams toward the rectangle.



The base unit measures 4½" x 1" rectangle.

3. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the backside of the body 2" x 2" squares. Lay a marked square on the corner of the beard 2" x 3½" rectangle and sew on the marked line. Trim a quarter inch from the marked line and press the seam toward the body fabric. Repeat the process with the other marked square on the other end of the rectangle to make the Beard Flying Geese unit. Trim the unit to 2" x 3 ½" rectangle removing any tips of the triangles sticking out.
4. Sew a body 1" x 2" rectangle to each side of the Beard Flying Geese unit. Press the seams toward the side rectangles.



The Beard unit measures 4½" x 2" rectangle.

5. Sew the Base unit to the Beard unit to make the Body unit.

The Body unit measures 4½" x 2½" rectangle.

6. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the backside of the background 2½" x 2½" squares. Lay a marked square on the corner of the hat 2½" x 4½" rectangle and sew on the marked line. Trim a quarter inch from the marked line and press the seam toward the background fabric. Repeat the process with the other marked square on the other end of the rectangle to make the Hat Flying Geese unit. Trim the unit to 2½" x 4½" rectangle removing any tips of the triangles sticking out.
7. Sew the Hat Flying Geese unit to the Body unit. Press well.

The Janomie unit measures 4½" x 4½" square.

8. Apply the Steam-A-Seam to the nose fabric per the manufacturer's directions. Draw a nose shape on the paper side of the Steam-A-Seam and cut out. Press into place and use a small zig zag to secure the edges.



9. Create three more Janomie units. Press each well.

Block Assembly

10. Sew a Janomie unit to the top and bottom of a sashing 1" x 4½" rectangle to make a row. Press the seams toward the sashing rectangle. Repeat with the other sashing 1" x 4½" rectangle to make another row.
11. Sew a row to each side of the sashing 1" x 9" rectangle. Press the seams toward the sashing rectangle.

The block measures 9" x 9" unfinished.