

Projects

“Holiday Circles Quilt”



Approximate size 44” x 52”

Skill Level: Beginner-Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine

Baby Lock Crown Jewel or Jewel long arm machine and frame

Leader cloths for quilt frame

Olfa Rotary Circle Cutter

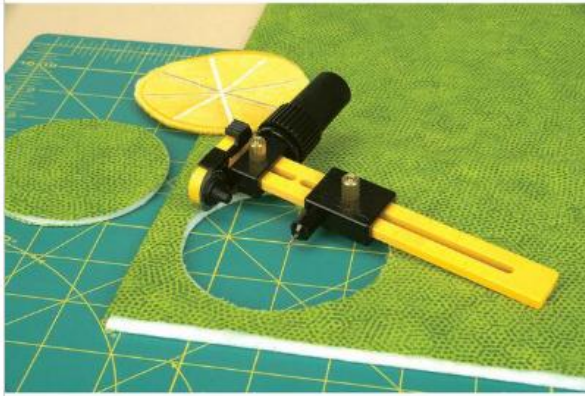
1/4 yard each of twelve different red, white and green cotton prints

1 2/3 yards white fabric for front

1 2/3 yards white fabric for back
1-1/2 yard batting
Gridded cutting mat
White all-purpose thread
Quilt basting spray or pins
White or monofilament quilting thread
Iron and Ironing board

Instructions:

1. From the assorted cotton prints cut 4" circles using the circle cutter. You will need a total of 88 circles.



2. Take the remaining cotton print fabrics and piece together to form a long piece. Cut strips from the pieced cotton print fabrics for binding strips (non-bias grain).
3. Press the white fabric for the quilt front.
4. Lay the white fabric for the quilt front out onto a gridded mat. Seeing the grid lines through the fabric will help keep the rows of circles straight.
5. Measure 5" from the edge and the side of the white fabric. Lay the circles side by side to create a row.
6. Each row will have eight circles. Then position the next row of circle so the circles just barely touch but do not overlap. Continue until you have eleven rows.
7. Arrange the prints as desired. Once you are satisfied with the color arrangement of the circles, use quilt basting spray or pins to hold each circle in place.
8. Thread the machine with white all-purpose thread. Select an applique stitch and stitch along the edge of each circle to secure in place.
9. Once the applique is complete, lightly press the quilt top.
10. Load the quilt top, back and batting on the quilting frame using the cloth leaders.
11. Thread the Crown Jewel with white or monofilament quilting thread. Free-motion stipple the entire quilt.
12. Remove the quilt from the frame when quilting is complete and square off the quilt removing excess backing and batting.
13. Bind the edge of the runner using your preferred method and the pieced cotton print strips.

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