

Wreath Pattern: Mega Block



This pattern uses 4 ½" (unfinished) squares to make a 72" x 72" finished quilt. The directions are written for a scrappy, pieced background and wreath.

Housekeeping:

- All seams have a ¼" seam allowance.
- Please read through the instructions completely before starting to cut!

Fabric Requirements

Background Fabric: 3 ½ yards total, made up of assorted fabrics.

In my quilt, I used ¼ yards cuts from 14 different fabrics. From each quarter yard I cut two strips 4 ½" or 5" wide (depending on whether I was going to use the fabric to make the points). I got 8 squares from each strip. The more fabrics that you use, the easier it is to make the background scrappy and random without similar fabrics being next to each other!

Green Fabric: 1 ½ yards total, made up of assorted fabrics.

I used 10 - 12 green fabrics and cut one 4 ½" or 5" strip x WOF from each fabric. Like the background fabric, you can expect to get eight 4 ½" squares per strip of fabric.

Red Fabric: 1 fat 1/8th cut, or a large scrap will probably be enough really

Cutting Instructions

- 16 pieces 5" x 5" – background fabric
- 220 pieces 4 ½" x 4 ½" – background fabric
- 16 pieces 5" x 5" – green fabric
- 70 pieces 4 ½" x 4 ½" – green fabric
- 2 pieces 4 ½" x 4 ½" – red fabric

I like to cut the 5" squares first, so if I don't use the whole strip of fabric, I can sub-cut the remaining strip down to 4 ½" and use it to cut the smaller squares.

Half-Square Triangle Blocks (HST)

Cutting for Your HST

Choose 4-6 fabrics for both the background and the green fabrics that you want to use to make the HST blocks. Cut 16 total pieces that are 5" x 5" from the green fabrics, and 16 from the background fabrics.

To cut my 5" squares of fabric, I cut a 5" strip x width of fabric (WOF), and then sub-cut to get 5" x 5" squares. If I only want three 5" squares from a fabric, I then cut the remaining 5" strip of fabric down to 4 1/2" and sub-cut to get 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares to use for the body of the wreath or background. **You will want to use several different green and background squares for the HST since they are next to each other in the quilt and we're going for scrappy and random overall in the quilt.**

Sewing Your HST

The way I make HST, each 5" pair of background fabric + green fabric will make 2 HST blocks, so our 16 pairs of 5" square background + green fabric will make 32 HST.

1. On the back (wrong side) of each 5" square of background fabric, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner.
2. Pair up each piece of background fabric with a green piece of fabric, and place them wrong sides together (WST).
3. Line your quarter inch foot up with the line that you just drew, and sew a line 1/4" from the line. Cut your thread, and then sew another line 1/4" on the other side of the line you drew.
4. Cut on the line you drew to create two sets of triangles with a 1/4" seam on their long side.
5. Press the blocks open, and trim to 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". You should have 32 of them.

Laying Out Your Quilt

Layout the squares following this diagram (right):

Hint: there are 18 squares across and 18 squares down, with a boarder of 3 squares of background fabric on all sides around the wreath.

Sewing the Quilt

Sew your squares together using your favorite method, and voila you have a Christmas quilt!

Please make sure to tag pics of your quilts with #patchworkwreath – I look forward to seeing them all!

