

Christmas Crossroads

Featuring *Mid-Century Christmas* by
FreeSpirit Fabrics

Delightful prints evoke an old-fashioned Christmas Past in this easy-to-piece lap quilt. Combine three different blocks featuring prints with hints of gold metallic for a little sparkle. Joining the blocks to create the quilt top is easy—no points to match!

Collection:	Mid-Century Christmas by FreeSpirit Fabrics
Technique:	Patchwork, Quilting
Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	Longer *
Finished Size:	Finished Size of Project: 60" x 84" (152.40cm x 213.36cm) Finished Block Size: 12" x 12" (30.48cm x 30.48cm)

*Crafting time based on *Intermediate* skill level

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Fabric Requirements

DESIGN	COLOR	ARTICLE CODE	YARDAGE
(A) Christmas Words	Red	PWFS048.REDXX	1½ yards (1.49m)
(B) Snowflakes	Gold	PWFS047.GOLDX	¾ yard (34.29cm)
(C) Candles	Traditional	PWFS046.TRADI	2 yards (1.83m)
(D) Snowflakes	Black	PWFS047.BLACK	1½ yards (1.37m)
(E) Designer Essentials Solids	Red	CSFSESS.REDXX	1 yard (.91m)*
(F) Snowbirds	Gold	PWFS049.GOLDX	¾ yard (68.58cm)
(G) Winter Village	Traditional	PWFS045.TRADI	½ yard (45.72cm)
(H) Christmas Words	Traditional	PWFS048.TRADI	1 yard (.91m)

* includes binding

Backing (Purchased Separately)

44" (111.76cm)

Christmas Words Traditional PWFS048.TRADI 5½ yards (45.03m)

OR

108" (274.32cm)

2 yards (1.83m)

Additional Requirements

- 100% cotton thread in colors to match
- 68" x 92" (172.72cm x 233.68cm) quilt batting



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)



(E)



(F)



(G)



(H)



Backing
44"
(111.76cm)

Cutting

WOF = Width of Fabric

HST = Half-square Triangle

QST = Quarter-square Triangle

Note: As you cut the pieces as directed below, set them aside in labeled sets for each of the 3 different blocks in the quilt: Wild Goose Chase, Crossroads, and Old Snowflake.

Fabric A, cut:

(16) 2" x WOF strips.

Sub-cut (64) 2" x 8½" (5.08cm x 21.59cm) strips for the Crossroads blocks.

(5) 2¼" x WOF (5.72cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (80) 2¼" x 2¼" (5.72cm x 5.72cm) squares.

Cut each square once diagonally to make (160) HST for the Wild Goose Chase blocks.

Fabric B, cut:

(3) 2⅞" x WOF (7.30cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (40) 2⅞" x 2⅞" (7.30cm x 7.30cm) squares.

Cut each square once diagonally to make (80) HST for the Wild Goose Chase blocks.

Fabric C, cut:

(2) 9¼" x WOF (23.50cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (5) 9¼" x 9¼" (23.50cm x 23.50cm) squares.

Cut each square twice diagonally to make (20) QST for the Wild Goose Chase blocks.

(2) 5¼" x WOF (13.34cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (14) 5¼" x 5¼" (13.34cm x 13.34cm) squares.

Cut each square twice diagonally to make (56) QST for the Old Snowflake blocks.

(7) 4½" x WOF (11.43cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (56) 4½" x 4½" (11.43cm x 11.43cm) squares.

Cut each square once diagonally to make (112) HST for the Old Snowflake Blocks.

(1) 3" x WOF (7.62cm x WOF) strips

Sub-cut (10) 3" x 3" (7.62cm x 7.62cm) squares.

Cut each square once diagonally to make (20) HST for the Wild Goose Chase blocks.

(1) 2" x WOF (5.08cm x WOF) strip.

Sub-cut (16) 2" x 2" (5.08cm x 5.08cm) squares for the Crossroads blocks.

Fabric D, cut:

(3) 11⅞" x WOF (28.26cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (8) 11⅞" x 11⅞" (28.26cm x 28.26cm) squares.

Cut each square twice diagonally twice to make (32) QST for the Crossroads blocks.

(2) 5¼" x WOF (13.34cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (14) 5¼" x 5¼" (13.34cm x 13.34cm) squares. Cut each square twice diagonally to make (56) QST for the Old Snowflake blocks.

(1) 3⅝" x WOF (8.41cm x WOF) strip.

Sub-cut (5) 3⅝" x 3⅝" (8.41cm x 8.41cm) squares for the Wild Goose Chase blocks.

Fabric E, cut:

(10) 1¼" x WOF (3.18cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (56) 1¼" x 6½" (3.18cm x 16.51cm) strips for the Old Snowflake blocks.

(8) 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strips for the binding.

Fabric F, cut:

(4) 5¼" x WOF (13.34cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (28) 5¼" x 5¼" (13.34cm x 13.34cm) squares.

Cut each square twice diagonally to make (112) QST for the Old Snowflake blocks.

Fabric G, cut:

(2) 4½" x WOF (11.43cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (14) 4½" x 4½" (11.43cm x 11.43cm) squares for the Old Snowflake blocks.

Fabric H, cut:

(3) 11⅞" x WOF (28.26cm x WOF) strips.

Sub-cut (8) 11⅞" x 11⅞" (28.26cm x 28.26cm) squares.

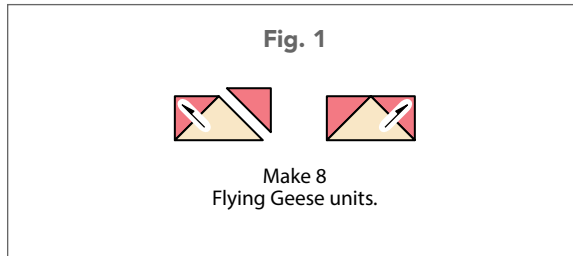
Cut each square twice diagonally to make (32) QST for the Crossroads blocks.

Sewing Instructions

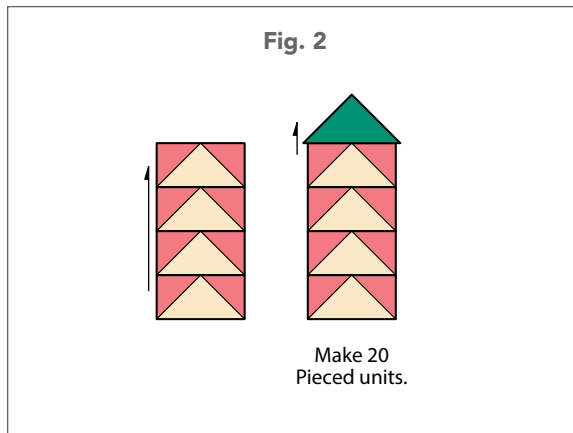
Note: All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) and pieces are sewn right sides together. Press seams as indicated.

Wild Goose Chase Blocks

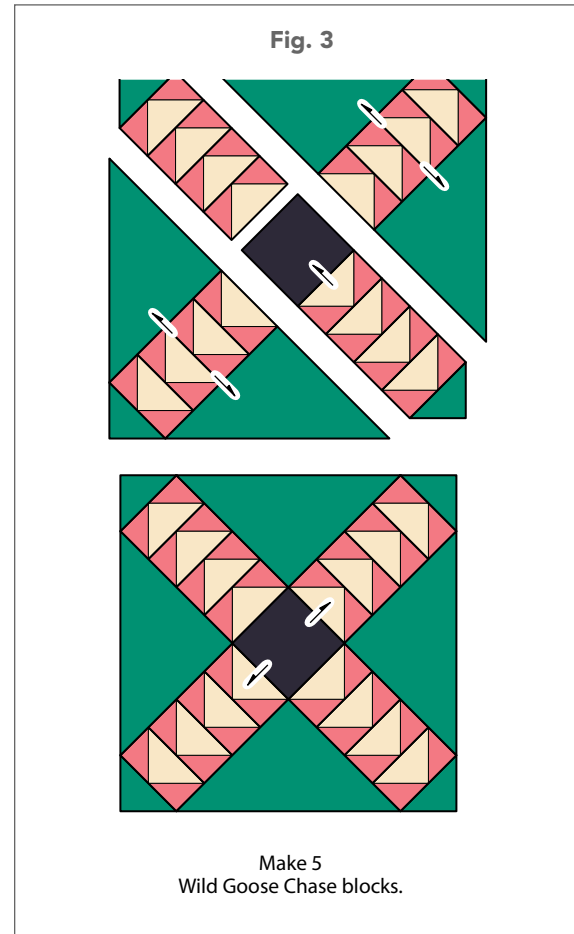
1. Sew 1 **Fabric A** $2\frac{1}{4}$ " (5.72cm) HST to one short edge of a **Fabric B** $2\frac{7}{8}$ " (7.30cm) HST and press the small triangle away from the large one. Repeat at the opposite short edge to complete 1 Flying Geese unit (**Fig. 1**). Repeat to make a total of 80 Flying Geese units.



2. Sew 4 units from step 1 together and add a **Fabric C** 3 " (7.62cm) HST to one end as shown in **Fig. 2** to make 1 pieced unit. Press the seam allowances as directed by the arrows. Repeat to make a total of 20 Pieced units.

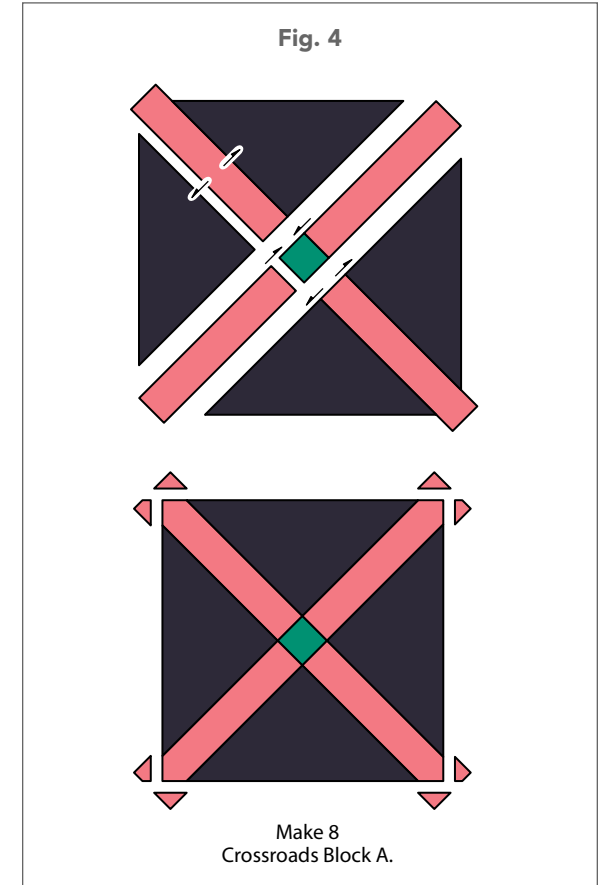


3. Arrange 4 pieced units from step 2 with 4 **Fabric C** $9\frac{1}{4}$ " (23.50cm) QST, 4 pieced strips from step 2, and 1 **Fabric D** $3\frac{7}{8}$ " (8.41cm) square (**Fig. 3**). Sew the pieces together in diagonal rows and press the seam allowances as directed by the arrows. Sew the rows together and press to make 1 Wild Goose Chase block. Repeat to make a total of 5 Wild Goose Chase blocks. Measure each of the finished blocks and square up to $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (31.75cm) square if needed.

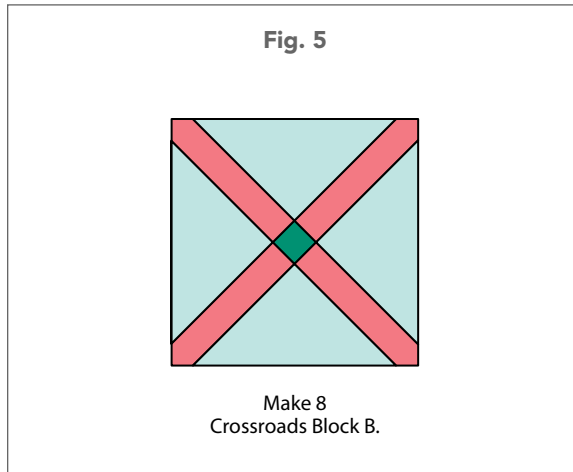


Crossroads Blocks A and B

4. Arrange the pieces for 1 **Fabric D** Crossroads block in the diagonal rows shown, using (4) **Fabric D** $11\frac{1}{8}$ " (28.26cm) QSTs, (4) **Fabric A** 2 " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " (5.08cm x 21.59cm) strips, and 1 **Fabric C** 2 " (5.08cm) square. Sew the pieces together in the diagonal rows shown and press as directed by the arrows. Sew the diagonal rows together to make 1 Crossroads A block. (**Fig. 4**). Repeat to make a total of 8 Crossroads A blocks. Measure and trim the blocks to $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (31.75cm) square as needed.

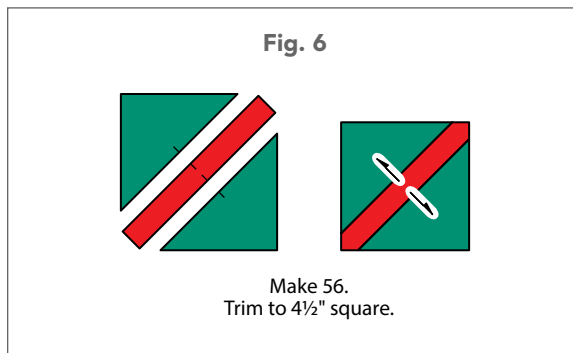


5. Repeat step 4, substituting QSTs of **Fabric H** to make 8 Crossroads B blocks (**Fig. 5**).

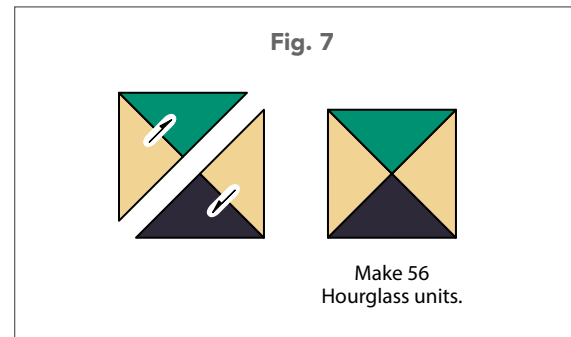


Old Snowflake Blocks

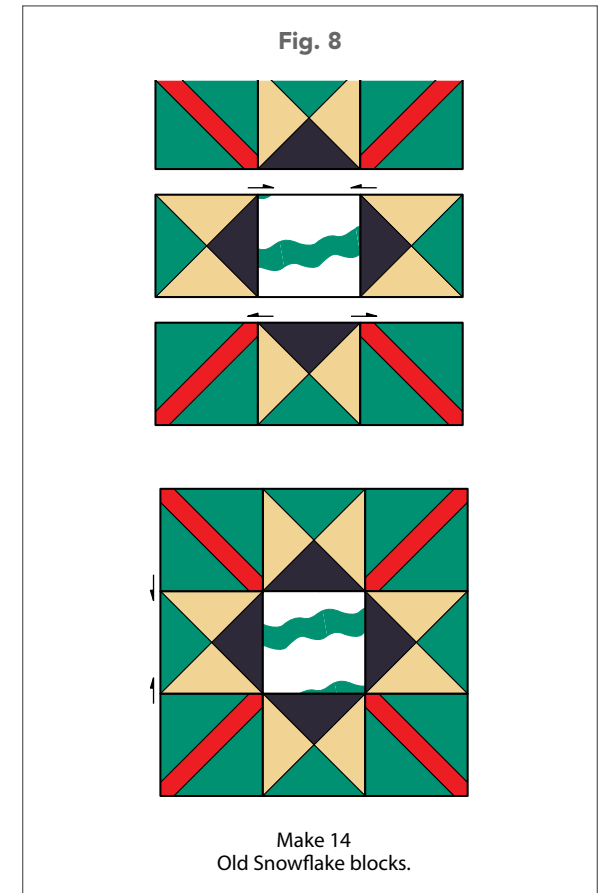
6. Mark the centers of 2 **Fabric C** $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.43cm) HSTs and 1 **Fabric E** $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " (3.18cm x 16.51cm) strip. With centers matching, sew the pieces together and press the seam allowances toward the triangles to make a Pieced Square unit (**Fig. 6**). Repeat to make a total of 56 units. Trim away the excess **Fabric E** that extends past the triangles so the Pieced Square units measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.43cm) square.



7. Arrange 2 **Fabric F**, 1 **Fabric C**, and 1 **Fabric D** $5\frac{1}{4}$ " (13.34cm) QSTs as shown. Sew the triangles together in pairs and press the seam allowances toward the darker triangle in each unit. Sew the units together to make 1 Hourglass unit. Press as directed by the arrows. Repeat to make a total of 56 units (**Fig. 7**).



8. Arrange 4 Pieced Squares from step 6 with 4 Hourglass units from step 7, and 1 **Fabric G** $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.43cm) square in horizontal rows. Sew together in rows and press as directed by the arrows. Sew the rows together to make 1 Old Snowflake Block. Press the seam allowances toward the center row. Repeat to make a total of 14 Old Snowflake blocks (**Fig. 8**).



Quilt Top Assembly

9. Referring to the **Quilt Layout** for placement, arrange the blocks in (7) horizontal rows of (5) blocks each. Sew the blocks together in rows and press the seam allowances in alternate directions from row to row.
10. Sew the rows together and press the seam allowances toward the bottom edge of the completed quilt top.

Finishing

11. Prepare a 68" x 92" (172.72cm x 233.68cm) backing panel. Trim away any stray thread on the back of the quilt top. Press the backing and the quilt top to remove all wrinkles.
12. Layer the backing (wrong side up), with the batting and quilt top (right side up). Baste the layers together and quilt as desired. Trim the excess batting and backing even with the edges of the quilt top.
13. Sew the 2½" (6.35cm x WOF) **Fabric E** binding strips together using diagonal seams to make one long strip. Press the seams open and then fold the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together; press.
14. With raw edges even, sew the binding strip to the top of the quilt and miter the corners as you reach them. Turn the binding to the back of the quilt and hand-stitch in place.

