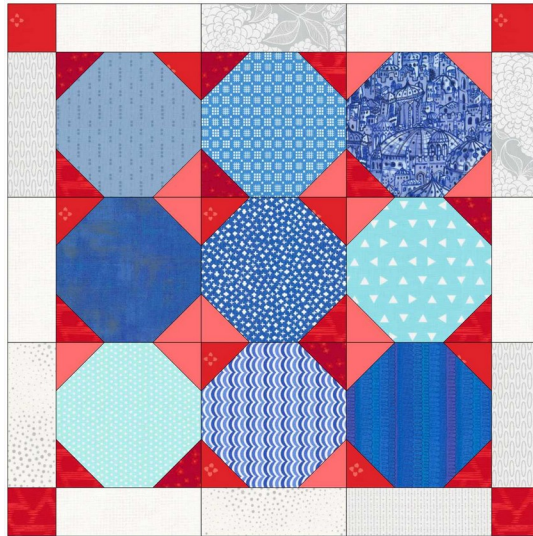


Patriotic Table Topper

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Approximate Size: 17" x 17"



Easy to make, this topper looks great in red, white and blue scrap, or any other color combination.

Before You Begin:

- Read all instructions carefully before beginning.
- 1/4" seam allowance used throughout.

Fabric Scraps and Cutting:

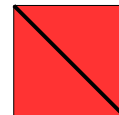
9 blue squares cut 5" x 5"

40 red squares cut 2" x 2"

12 white strips cut 2" x 5"

Snowball Block Assembly

1) Draw a diagonal line on the back side (wrong side) of 36 of the red squares.



2) Take one blue square and line up a red square in one of the corners with right sides facing each other (Fig. 1). Then sew along the drawn line. **Important:** To get an accurate size, sew just a hair to the outside (the side closest to the corner) of the drawn line (Fig. 2).

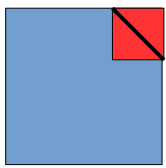


Fig. 1

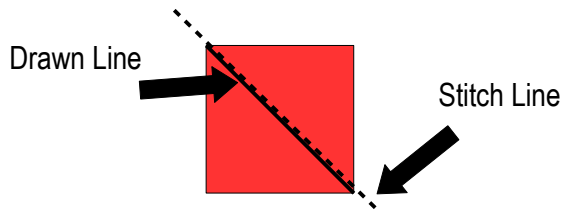


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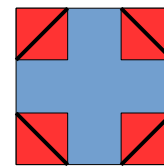


Fig. 3

Repeat with remaining blue and red squares until each blue square has a red square in each corner (Fig. 3).

Trim away the outside portion of the red squares, leaving about a 1/4" seam (Fig. 4). Then press the red corners to the outside (Fig. 5).

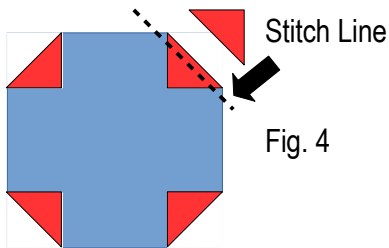


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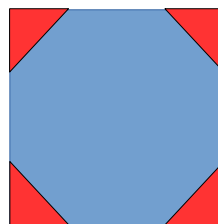
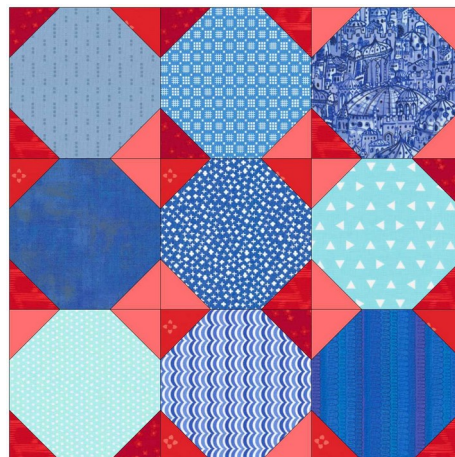


Fig. 5

Trim the blocks down to 5" square if needed.

Assembling the Topper

Place the finished snowball squares in your preferred layout, 3 blocks across by 3 blocks down. Then sew them together by first sewing the individual rows together and then the three rows together.



Making the Borders

Sew together 3 of the 2" x 5" white strips, by the short ends. Repeat until you have 4 pieced strips.



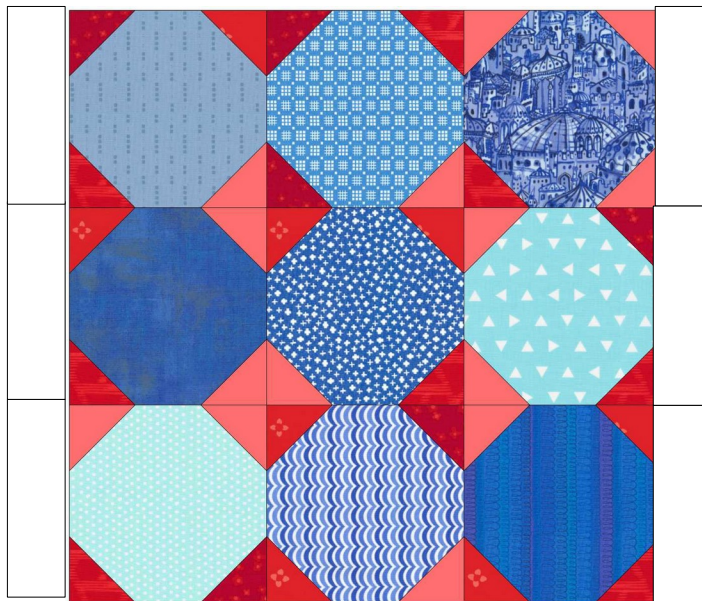
Set two of the pieced strips aside.

On the remaining 2 strips, add a 2" red square to each end.

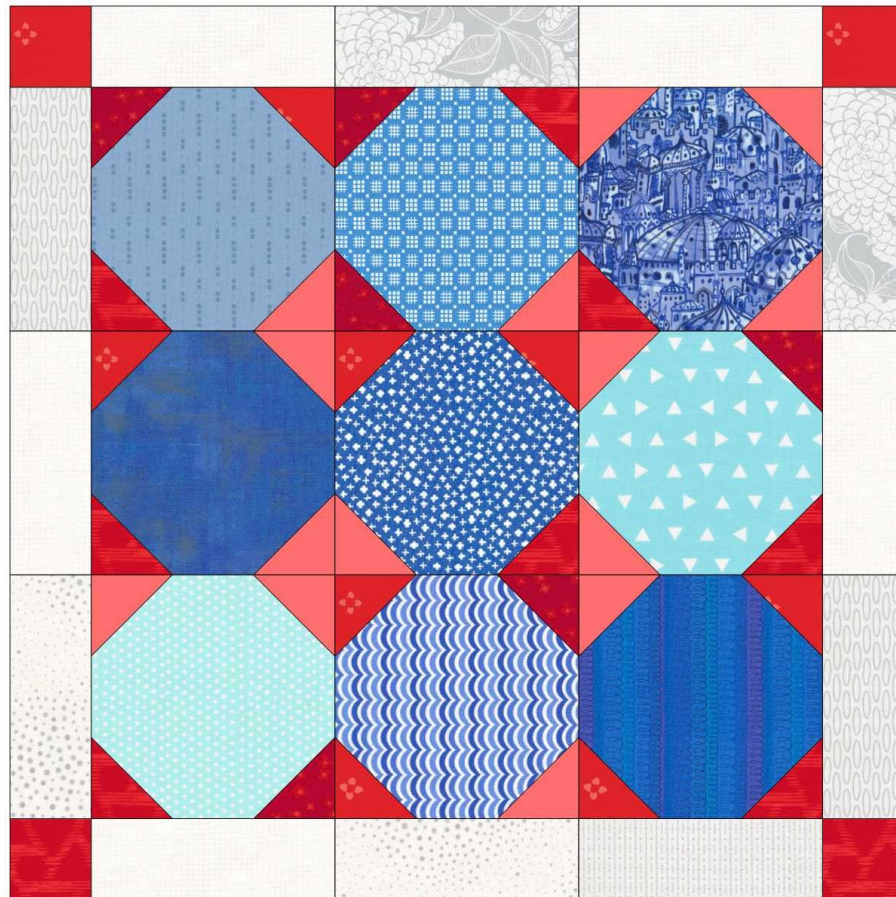


Adding the Borders to the Center Section

First, add the two strips that DO NOT have the red squares on them to the left and right of the center section pieced earlier.



Then, add the 2 strips, with the red squares on each end, to the top and the bottom.



Finishing the Table Topper

1. Lay your backing fabric on a flat surface, with wrong side facing up.
2. Next, lay your batting on top of the backing.
3. Lastly, lay your topper on top with the right side facing up.
4. Baste the layers together using your preferred basting method.
5. Quilt as desired.
6. Bind using your preferred method. I use 2.5" strips when I bind.

Happy Quilting!

You can find the video tutorial for this pattern on my YouTube channel: **Create with Claudia**