

Tis the Season Quilt Instructions 1-Day workshop

Read all instructions before beginning.

Fabric Preparation:

Preshrink your fabric (optional) and starch it thoroughly. I like to use Mary Ellen's Best Press with a steam iron. Iron Shape Flex by Pellon (or any lightweight woven interfacing) to the wrong side of the background fabric. Using a steam iron will preshrink the fabric and the Shapeflex in one step! Be sure to hold the iron on long enough to make a good seal between the two layers. You should not be able to pull them apart easily.

All seams are scant $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

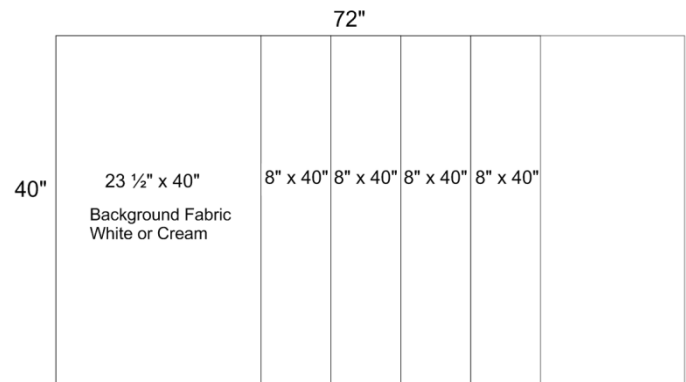
Background Fabric (2 yards):

Cut (1) $23\frac{1}{2}$ " x Width of strip of Background Fabric.

Crosscut this to (2) $15\frac{1}{2}$ " x $23\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces

One is the center background & one is extra.

Use Mary Ellen's Best Press & a steam iron to starch Shapeflex to the wrong side of the background piece. Make sure to seal the two layers together very well.



Cut (4) 8" x Width of Fabric strips and back with Shapeflex by Pellon.

Use Mary Ellen's Best Press & a steam iron to starch and seal the two layers together.

These are the outside borders.

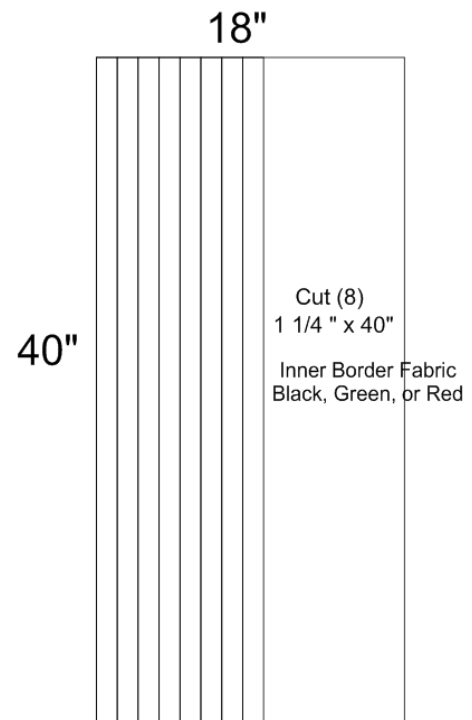
Inner Black Border (could be black, green or red ($\frac{1}{2}$ yard):

Cut (8) $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x Width of Fabric.

Pin often and sew an inner border to the top & bottom of the center background; iron the seams to the border. Trim the borders to fit the sides. This only works well if you pin often! Otherwise you need to cut the correct length.

Pin and sew borders to the sides; iron the seams to the border. Trim the inner borders to fits the top & bottom. Now, trim the inner borders to $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the seam you just sewed.

It is so much easier to trim the border to a perfect $\frac{3}{4}$ " than it is to sew it to a perfect $\frac{3}{4}$ "!

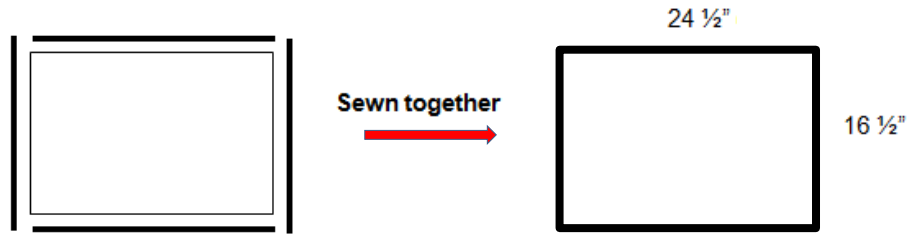


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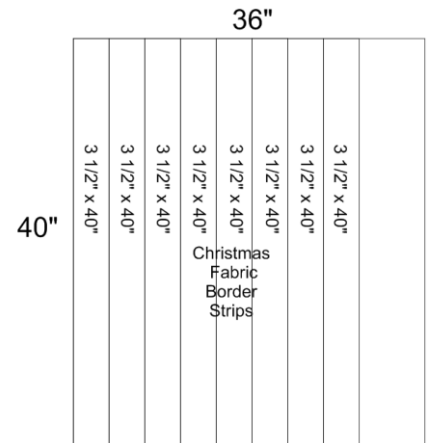
This is the **Center Background Unit**



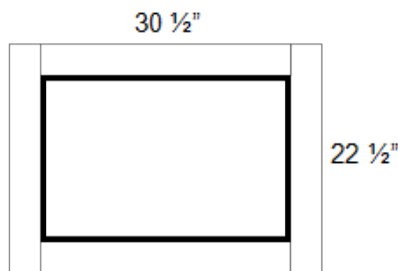
The Center Background Unit now measures 24 1/2" x 16 1/2" (the inner borders will finish at 1/2")

Inner Christmas Border Fabric (1 yard):

- Cut (4) 3 1/2" x Width of Fabric for **outer** Christmas borders
- Cut (4) 3 1/2" x Width of Fabric strips for **inner** Christmas borders
- Crosscut (2) strips into (2) 3 1/2" x 24 1/2"
- Sew these two strips to the top and bottom of the center background unit; iron the seams to the border.
- Crosscut (2) strips into 3 1/2" x 22 1/2"
- Sew these two strips to the sides of the background unit
- Iron seams to the borders.

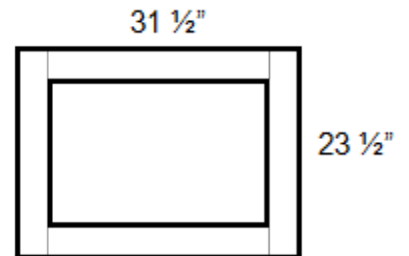


The Center Background Unit now measures 30 1/2" x 22 1/2" →

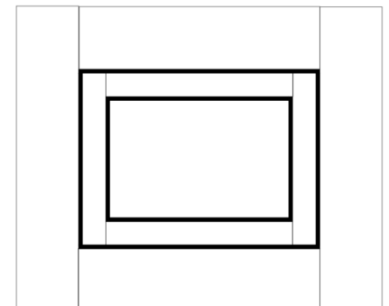


Sew another Inner Black border (1 1/4" wide) to all sides of this center unit.
Sew the top and bottom first then sew the sides.
Trim the black border to 3/4" from the seam you just sewed.

Center Background Unit measures 23 1/2" x 31 1/2" →



Sew the 8" borders to this center unit.
(Make sure you have Shapeflex ironed to the wrong side of these borders)
Sew the top and bottom first and then the sides.
You are ready to embroider!
Please bring this finished pieced top to class for the embroidery workshop.



Finished size is 46 1/2" x 39 1/2"