



Give your home a touch of kitsch this Christmas with bright baubles and the most fun fussy cut prints

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## YOU WILL NEED

■ Background fabric: 5yds ■ Fabric A (grey) ½yd ■ Fabric B (pink) ½yd ■ Fabric M (light pink icons) ¼yd ■ Fabric O (yellow diamonds) ¼yd ■ Fabric P (red diamonds) ¼yd ■ Fabric R (red stripe) ¼yd ■ Fabric T (multi stripe) ¼yd ■ Fabric U (dark pink) ¼yd ■ Backing fabric: 5yds ■ Batting: 80in square ■ Binding fabric: <sup>5</sup>/8yd

**FINISHED SIZE** ■ 74in square

#### NOTES

- Seam allowances are ¼in, unless otherwise noted.
- Press seams to one side throughout, unless otherwise instructed. ■ WOF = width of fabric.
- RST = right sides together.
- WST = wrong sides together.
- CST = Corner-square Triangle. Press fabrics well before cutting.
- Pattern assumes WOF is at least 42in.
- Print fabrics supplied by Andover
- Fabrics (andoverfabrics.com)
- Quilted by Annie Seaboch (search for Annie Leigh's Sew Happy on Facebook for more details).

#### **FABRICS USED**

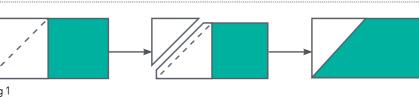
- All print fabrics used are from the Holiday collection by Alison Glass for Andover Fabrics.
- Backing and binding fabrics are both Kona Cotton Solids by Robert Kaufman: Insignia and Honeysuckle.

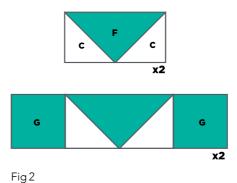


# **MOVE YOUR COLOURED BAUBLES AROUND UNTIL YOU'RE HAPPY** WITH THE LAYOUT

# **CUTTING OUT**

- **1** From the background fabric cut:
- Fifty (50) 1in x 3½in pieces (A).
- One hundred (100) 2¾in squares (B).
- Two hundred (200) 1¾in squares (C).
- Thirty two (32) 1¾in x 8½in pieces (J).
- Thirty two (32) 1in x 2¼in pieces (K).
- Thirty two (32) 2¼in squares (L).
- Thirty two (32) 3¼in squares (M).
- Forty (40) 8½ in squares.
- Eight (8) 11/2in x WOF strips.
- **7** From each of Fabric B and Fabric C cut:
- Ten (10) 2in x 51/2in pieces (D).
- Ten (10) 1¾in x 8½in pieces (E).
- Twenty (20) 1¾in x 3in pieces (F).





# TOP TIP

Try making a test block of each colour combo, then chain piece the rest of your blocks to finish in no time.

#### From Fabric F cut:

- **)** Ten (10) 2in x 5½in pieces (D).
- Ten (10) 1¾in x 8½in pieces (E).
- Twenty (20) 1¾in x 3in pieces (F).
- Twenty (20) 1¾in squares (G).

From each of Fabrics G and I cut: **0** Ten (10) 1¾in squares (H). One (1) 6in x 8in piece (O).

**7** From each of Fabrics H, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T and U cut: One (1) 6in x 8in piece (O).

• From Fabric J cut: O ■ Twenty (20) 1¾in squares (H).

∩ From Fabric K cut: J ■ Ten (10) 1¾in squares (H).

From Fabric L cut: Twenty (20) 1¾in squares (H). One (1) 6in x 8in piece (O).

11 From Fabric A cut: Twenty five (25) 1in x 2½in pieces (I). Sixteen (16) 1in x 21/2in pieces (N).

Prom the binding fabric cut: Eight (8) 2½in x WOF strips.

### PIECING CST UNITS

To piece a Corner-square Triangle (CST), place a diagonally marked square in the corner of your fabric piece, right sides together, paying attention to the direction of your mark. Sew along the

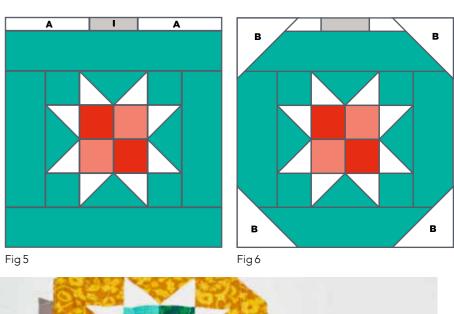
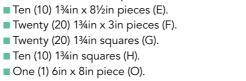


Fig 3



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- Twenty (20) 1¾in squares (H).

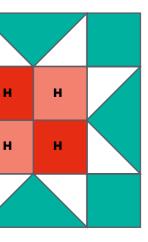
**7** From Fabric D cut: J ■ Ten (10) 2in x 5½ in pieces (D).

4 From Fabric E cut: ■ Ten (10) 2in x 5½in pieces (D). Ten (10) 1¾in x 8½in pieces (E). Twenty (20) 1¾in x 3in pieces (F). Twenty (20) 1¾in squares (G).

Twenty (20) 1¾in squares (G).

One (1) 6in x 8in piece (O).

Fig 1



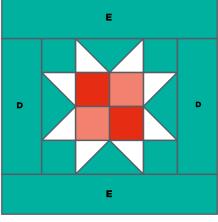
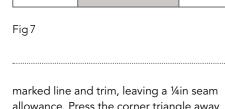


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allowance. Press the corner triangle away from the main piece to finish (Fig 1).

#### PIECING THE ROUND BAUBLES

14 Join a background C CST to the bottom corners of an aqua F piece. Make a total of four of these. Then join an aqua G piece to either side of two of the units (Fig 2).

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Fig 8

1 Join two coral and pink cross stitch H D pieces together as a four-patch. Then sew a shorter unit from step 14 to either side of the unit. Press, then join the longer units to the top and bottom to complete a star unit (Fig 3).

16 Sew an aqua D piece to either side of the star unit, then join an aqua E piece to the top and bottom to make a round bauble unit (Fig 4). Add an A piece either side of a grey I piece to form the top unit. Join this to the top edge of the round bauble unit (Fig 5).

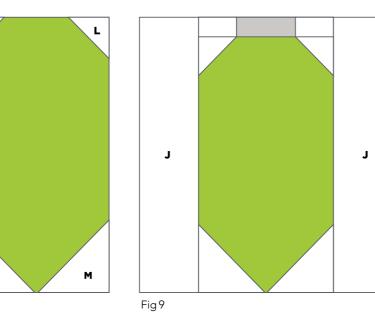
Add a background B CST to all four corners of the unit to complete a round bauble block (Fig 6). Make a total of twenty five of these blocks as follows: Five Fabric C baubles with Fabric I and G centres.

- Five Fabric B baubles with Fabric J and K centres.
- Five Fabric D baubles with Fabric E and L centres.
- Five Fabric F baubles with Fabric E and L centres.
- Five Fabric E baubles with Fabric D and J centres.

#### PIECING THE SMALL BAUBLES

B Join a K piece to the left and right sides of a grey N piece to make a bauble top (Fig 7). Make a total of sixteen bauble tops.

19 Add an L CST to the top corners of an O piece. Add an M CST to the bottom corners (Fig 8). Repeat on all remaining O pieces.





20 Join the bauble tops to the top of each pieced O unit. Then sew a J piece either side to complete the small bauble block (Fig 9). Make a total of sixteen small bauble blocks, using all of the O pieces.

#### ASSEMBLING THE QUILT TOP

21 Sew five round bauble blocks and four background 81/2in squares into a row, alternating the blocks and squares. Make a total of five rows.

22 Join five background 8½ in squares and four small bauble blocks into a row, alternating the blocks and squares. Make a total of four rows.

23 Sew the rows together, alternating round bauble and small bauble rows. Sew the background fabric 11/2in x WOF strips together along the short ends to make one long strip. Trim to two 11/2in x 721/2in strips and two 11/2in x 741/2in strips. Join the shorter strips to the sides and the longer strips to the top and bottom to complete the quilt top.

### QUILTING AND FINISHING

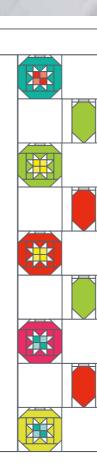
24 Cut the backing fabric in half across the width. Remove the selvedges and sew the two pieces together using a ½in seam. Press the seam open.

T Press the quilt top and backing well. 25 Make a quilt sandwich by placing the backing fabric right side down, the batting on top, then place the quilt top centrally and right side up. Baste the layers together using your preferred method.

26 Quilt as desired. Annie (Annie Leigh's Sew Happy) quilted an intricate, retro star pattern using a longarm machine. Trim off the excess batting and backing fabric and square up the quilt.

27 Sew the binding strips together end-to-end using diagonal seams. Press the seams open and trim the dog ears. Fold in half lengthways, wrong sides together, and press.

28 Sew the binding to the right side of the quilt, creating a neat mitre at each corner. Fold the binding over to the back of the quilt and hand stitch in place around the edge to finish.



Layout Diagram



# YOU WILL NEED

 Fabric A (aqua figures) ¼yd
Fabric B (pink stripe) 1/8yd
Fabric C (white) (includes ■ Fabric E (pink icons) 1/8yd ■ Cushion back fabric: 1⁄2yd ■ Binding fabric: ¼yd

**FINISHED SIZE** ■ 18½in square

#### **CUTTING OUT**

- 1 From Fabric C cut: Four (4) 4in squares (A). Four (4) 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>in x 4in pieces (B). ■ Four (4) 1½in x 5in pieces (C).
- Eight (8) 2in squares (D).
- Four (4) 2in x 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>in pieces (E).
- Two (2) 11/2in x 121/2in pieces (F).
- Two (2) 11/2in x 141/4in pieces (G).
- One (1) 20in square for the lining.

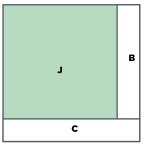
**7** From Fabric A cut:

- L = Eight (8) 2in squares (H).
- Four (4) 3½in squares (I).
- Four (4) 4in squares (J).
- Two (2) 11/2in x 161/2in pieces (K). Two (2) 11/2in x 181/2in pieces (L).

**7** From Fabric E cut: **D** One (1) 3½in square (M).

From Fabric D cut: Twelve (12) 2in squares (N).

From Fabric B cut: **)** Two (2) 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>in x 14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>in pieces (O). Two (2) 11/2in x 161/2in pieces (P).







# **PRACTISE PIECING CORNER-SQUARE TRIANGLES WITH THIS CUSHION DESIGN!**

From the cushion back fabric cut: **0** Two (2) 13in x 18½in pieces.

**7** From the binding fabric cut: Three (3) 2¼in x WOF strips.

#### PIECING THE CUSHION FRONT

O Join a B piece to the right of a J piece. O Then sew a C piece to the bottom of the unit (Fig 1). Add an H CST to the top right and bottom left corners. Add an A CST to the top left hand corner, then add an N CST on top of that corner (Fig 2). Make a total of four J units.



9 Add an N CST to the bottom corners of an E piece (Fig 3). Make four. Add a D CST to the bottom corners of an I piece. Make four. Join the I units to the top of the E units (Fig 4).

10 Join the pieced J units either side of an E unit to form the star points (Fig 5). Make two. Join an I unit either side of the M piece to form the centre. Sew the three sections together to form the star block.

11 Sew an F piece either side of the I cushion front, then add a G piece to the top and bottom. Join an O piece to either side, then sew a P piece the top and bottom. Add a K piece either side, then join an L piece to the top and bottom to complete the cushion front.

#### QUILTING AND FINISHING

Press the cushion top and lining well. Make a quilt sandwich by placing the lining fabric right side down, the batting on top, then place the cushion front centrally and right side up. Baste the layers together using your preferred method.

17 Quilt as desired. Annie (Annie Leigh's Sew Happy) quilted an intricate, retro star pattern using a longarm machine. Trim off the excess batting and lining fabric and square up the cushion front.

**1** Take the pieces of cushion back fabric 4 and press under by ½ in twice on one of the long edges. Press to secure. Pin and then topstitch in place to hem.

ICPlace your cushion top right side down. DPlace the two backing pieces on top right sides up, aligning the raw edges, with the hemmed edges overlapping in the centre. Pin, then baste around the outer edges.

16 Sew the binding strips together along the short edges, then press in half, WST. Use the binding strip to bind around the outer edge, as you would a quilt.



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Fig 2

Fig 3

Fig 5

