## Glad Tidings We Bring

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Joyful Bunch Quilt
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Quilt size: 66" x 66"
Skill Level: Advanced Beginner
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## Glad Tidings We Bring - Fabrics in the Collection



3356-70 Christmas
Motifs - Blue


3360-60 Snowmen
Lt. Green


3357-60 Christmas Rabbits - Lt. Green


3361-90 Doves
Lt. Gray


3358-67 Christmas Mice - Dk. Teal


3362-70 Snow Dots
Blue


3359-66 Christmas
Foliage - Green


3363-69 Christmas Wreaths - Dk. Green


3359-88 Christmas Foliage - Red


3364-11 Deer
Lt. Blue


3366P-70 Christmas Tree Panel 24" - Blue


3365-66 Leaves
Green


3355-70 Christmas Blocks - Blue

## Materials

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Two 3355-70 Christmas Blocks - Blue panels $1 / 8$ yard 3362-70 Snow Dots - Blue
$1 / 8$ yard 3365-66 Leaves - Green
$1 / 4$ yard 3360-60 Snowmen - Green
1/4 yard 3363-69 Christmas Wreaths - Dk. Green
$1 / 3$ yard 3358-67 Christmas Mice - Dk. Teal
$1 / 3$ yard 3359-66 Christmas Foliage - Green
$1 / 3$ yard 3364-11 Deer - Lt. Blue
3/4 yard 3359-88 Christmas Foliage - Red
7/8 yard 3357-60 Christmas Rabbits - Lt. Green
2 yards 3361-90 Doves - Lt. Gray
$41 / 8$ yards $3360-60$ Snowmen - Lt. Green for backing 74" x 74" piece of Air Lite ${ }^{\circledR}$ Colour Me 100\% Cotton batting

## Cut Fabrics

Note: All strips are cut across the width of the fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage unless otherwise indicated.

## From 3355-70 Christmas Blocks - Blue panels:

*Trim panels into (9) $101 / 2$ " squares.
From 3362-70 Snow Dots - Blue, cut:
*(1) $21 / 2 " x$ WOF strip. Sub-cut (16) $21 / 2$ " squares.
From 3365-66 Leaves - Green, cut:
*(1) 3" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (8) 3" squares.

## From 3360-60 Snowmen - Green, cut:

*(3) $13 / 4$ " x WOF strips. Sub-cut (8) $13 / 4$ " x $51 / 2 "$ and (8) $13 / 4$ " x 63/4" rectangles.

From 3363-69 Christmas Wreaths - Dk. Green, cut: *(1) $61 / 2 "$ x WOF strip. Sub-cut (4) $61 / 2$ " squares and (4) 3" squares.

## From 3358-67 Christmas Mice - Dk. Teal, cut:

*(4) $13 / 4 " \mathrm{x}$ WOF strips. Sub-cut (8) $13 / 4 \mathrm{n} \times 8$ " and (8) $13 / 4$ " x 91/4" rectangles.
*(1) $21 / 2$ " x WOF strip. Sub-cut (4) $2 ½$ " squares.

## From 3359-66 Christmas Foliage - Green, cut:

*(3) 3" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (32) 3 " squares and (4) $21 / 2$ " squares.

From 3364-11 Deer - Lt. Blue, cut:
*(3) $21 / 2$ " x WOF strips. Sub-cut:

- (4) $21 / 22^{\prime \prime} \times 61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- (4) $2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- (4) $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 10^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ sashing rectangles

From 3359-88 Christmas Foliage - Red, cut:
*(3) $13 / 4$ x WOF strips. Sub-cut:

- (24) $13 / 4$ " squares
- (8) $13 / 4$ " x $3^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- (8) $13 / 4$ " x $41 / 4$ " rectangles
*(7) $21 / 2$ x WOF strips for binding.
From 3357-60 Christmas Rabbits - Lt. Green, cut:
*(7) $31 / 2$ x x WOF strips for border 2.
From 3361-90 Doves - Lt. Gray, cut:
*(5) 13/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
- (8) $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 41 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- (8) $13 / 4$ " x $8^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- (8) $13 / 4$ " x $101 / 2$ " rectangles
*(3) $21 / 2 "$ x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
- (4) $2 ½$ " x 10½" sashing strips
- (4) $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- (4) $2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 6 \frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
- (12) $13 / 4$ " squares.
*(3) 3 " x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
- (16) $3^{\prime \prime} \times 5{ }^{1 ⁄ 2} 2$ rectangles
- (8) $3^{\prime \prime}$ squares
- (4) $13 / 4$ " squares
*(1) $41 / 4$ " x WOF strip. Sub-cut (8) $13 / 4$ " x $41 / 4$ " and (8) 13/4" x 3 " rectangles.
*(1) 91/4" x WOF strip. Sub-cut:
- (8) $13 / 4$ " x $91 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
(8) $13 / 4$ " $\times 63 / 4$ " rectangles
-(8) $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 5 \frac{1}{2} /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
*(2) $101 / 2$ " x WOF strips. Sub-cut (32) $21 / 2$ " x $101 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ sashing strips for a total of 36 .
*(6) $1 \frac{1}{2} / 2 \mathrm{x}$ WOF strips for border 1.


## Assemble Blocks

Notes: Measurements include $1 / 4$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated. If no direction is specified, press the seam toward the darker fabric.

1. Sew a $13 / 4$ " $x 3$ " $3359-88$ Christmas Foliage - Red rectangle to the right side of a 3 " 3365 66 Leaves - Green square. Press away from the center. Sew a $1^{3} / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 41 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ Foliage - Red rectangle to the bottom of the unit. Press as before. Repeat to make 8 units.

Sew a 13/4" x 4¼" 3361-90 Doves - Lt. Gray rectangle to the left side of the Step 1 units, press, and sew a $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 51 / 22^{\prime \prime}$ Doves - Lt. Gray rectangle to the top (figure 1). Press.


Figure 1 - Make 8.
2. Sew a $1^{3 / 4}$ " x $51 / 2 " 3360-60$ Snowmen - Green rectangle to the right side of the Step 1 units and a $13 / 4$ " x $63 / 4$ " Green rectangle to the bottom. Press.

Sew a $13 / 4$ " x $63 / 4$ " Doves - Lt. Gray rectangle to the left side and press. Sew a $13 / 4$ " x 8 " Doves - Lt. Gray rectangle to the top of the units (figure 2). Press.


Figure 2
3. Sew a $13 / 4$ " x 8 " $3358-67$ Christmas Mice - Dk. Teal rectangle to the right side of the Step 2 units and press. Sew a $13 / 4$ x $91 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ Mice - Dk. Teal rectangle to the bottom. Press.

Sew a $13 / 4$ " x $91 / 4$ " Doves - Lt. Gray rectangle to the left side of the units and press. Sew a $13 / 4$ " x $101 / 2$ " Doves - Lt. Gray rectangle to the top to complete (8) $10 \frac{112}{2}$ " log cabin blocks (figure 3). Press as before.


Figure 3 - Make (8) $10^{1 / 2}$ " log cabin blocks.
4. Sew a $2^{1 ⁄ 2} 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x} 61 / 2$ " $3361-90$ Doves - Lt. Gray rectangle to the right side of a $61 / 2^{\prime \prime} 3363-69$ Christmas Wreaths - Dk. Green square. Press the seam away from the center.

Sew a $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ x $61 / 2^{\prime \prime} 3364-11$ Deer - Lt. Blue rectangle to the left side of the same square and press as before. Make 2 block centers. Next, reverse the position of the Lt. Gray and Lt. Blue rectangles to make 2 more block centers (figure 4).


Figure 4 - Make 2 of each type.
5. Sew a $2 ½$ " 3362-70 Snow Dots - Blue square to one end of a $2^{1 / 2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Lt. Gray and Lt. Blue rectangles. Press the seams toward the squares. Repeat to make 4 units of each color. Referring to the diagrams below for fabric orientation, sew the Lt. Blue and a Lt. Gray rectangles to the block centers to complete (4) $101 / 21$ " simplified log cabin blocks (figure 5). Press the seams away from the center.

Note: The Christmas Wreaths fabric is directional. Thus, each block will be assembled differently to ensure the images are upright. The upcoming star blocks will also be assembled in 4 unique ways.


Figure 5 - Make (4) $10 \frac{1}{2}$ " blocks.
6. Gather the 3 " Christmas Wreaths - Dk. Green squares and the $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 3$ " Doves - Lt. Gray rectangles. Sew the Lt. Gray rectangles to the Dk. Green squares as shown - in 2 of the
squares, the Lt. Gray rectangles will be sewn to the top and bottom, and the other 2 will have the Lt. Gray rectangles stitched to the sides of the squares (figure 6). Press the seams away from the center.


Figure 6 - Make 2 of each.
7. Sew a $13 / 4$ " 3359-88 Christmas Foliage - Red square to one end of the $1-3 / 4$ " x 4-1/4" Doves - Lt. Gray rectangles. Press the seams toward the darker color. Make 8 patches. Referring to the diagrams below for fabric orientation, sew the patches to the Step 6 units to make 4 distinct block centers (figure 7). Press the seams away from the center.


Figure 7
8. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 3 " 3359-66 Christmas Foliage - Green squares. Noting the line orientation and with right sides together, layer a marked Green square on the left short end of a 3 " x $51 / 2$ " Doves - Lt. Gray rectangle and stitch on the drawn line. Trim 1/4" away from the seam line and press open. Similarly, stitch another Green square to the opposite end of the same rectangle. Repeat to make (16) 3 " x $5 ½$ " flying-geese units. Sew a 3 " Doves - Lt. Gray square to opposite sides of $\mathbf{4}$ units (figure 8) to make 4 rows. Press the seams away from the center. Set aside 12 units for next steps.



Figure 8
9. Sew a $13 / 4$ " Doves - Lt. Gray square to a $13 / 4$ " Christmas Foliage - Red square and press the seam toward the darker fabric. Repeat to make (16) units. Arrange the units in a 4 -patch formation and sew them. Press the seams open. Make (8) $3^{\prime \prime}$ units. Noting fabric orientation, sew (1) 4-patch unit to opposite sides of 4 Step 8 flying geese to make 4 rows (figure 9). Press the seams away from the center.


Figure 9
10. Gather the remaining Step 8 flying geese and the Step 7 block centers. Referring to the diagrams below, sew the flying geese to the block centers' top and bottom or sides. Then, add the Steps 8 and 9 rows to each unit to make (4) $101 / 21$ star blocks (figure 10). Press the seams open.


Figure 10 - Make (4) $101 / 2 / 2$ star blocks.

## Assemble Quilt Top

11. To make the block rows, gather the units as listed below. Refer to the quilt photo for block placement and orientation. Lay out the rows, sew the units in each row, and press all the seams toward the sashing.

- Rows 1 and 5: 3 panel squares, 2 log cabin blocks, 4 Doves - Lt. Gray sashing strips.
- Rows 2 and 4: 2 log cabin blocks, 2 simplified log cabin blocks, 1 star block, and 4 Doves - Lt. Gray sashing strips.
- Row 3: 3 panel squares, 2 star blocks, 2 Deer Lt. Blue and 2 Doves - Lt. Gray sashing strips.

12. To make the horizontal sashing rows, gather the units as listed below and refer to the quilt photo for the placement of each unit. Sew the sashing strips and cornerstone squares together and press the seams toward the sashing.

- Make 2: 4 Doves - Lt. Gray and 1 Deer - Lt. Blue sashing strips, (2) $2^{1 ⁄ 2}$ " Christmas Mice - Dk. Teal and (2) 3362-70 Snow Dots - Blue cornerstone squares.
- Make 2: 5 Doves - Lt. Gray sashing strips, (2) $2^{1 / 2} / 23362-70$ Snow Dots - Blue and (2) 3359-66 Christmas Foliage - Green cornerstone squares.

13. Matching adjacent seams, sew the block and sashing rows together. Press the seams in one direction.
14. For border 1 , sew the (6) $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Doves - Lt. Gray border strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the vertical length of the quilt top through the center and cut two border strips that length. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt top. Measure the width of the quilt top through the center. Cut two border strips that length and sew one to the top and one to the bottom. Press the seams toward the borders.
15. Repeat Step 14 with the (7) $31 / 2$ " 3357-60 Christmas Rabbits - Lt. Green strips to make and add border 2.

## Finishing

16. Create a sandwich with the batting between the quilt top and the backing. Pin or baste layers together, mark the quilting design, and quilt by hand or machine. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting, and trim batting and backing even with the raw edges of the quilt top.
17. Join the (7) $2^{½}$ " 3359-88 Christmas Foliage - Red strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. Fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together, and press. Sew binding to the edges of the quilt, mitering corners, and overlapping ends. Fold the binding to the back of the quilt and stitch it in place by hand to finish.

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Quilt Diagram


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