



Quilt 1

# JOYFUL TIDINGS

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Quilt size: 76" x 92."

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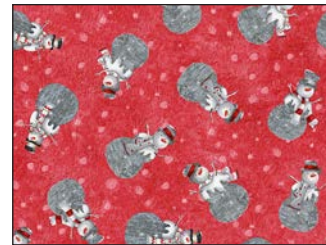
1561-90 Christmas Stockings  
Lt. Gray



1562-88 Ice Skates  
Red



1563-99 Lanterns with  
Poinsettia - Black



1564-88 Snowman Toss  
Red



1565-90 Mittens  
Lt. Gray



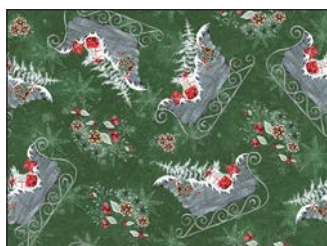
1566-66 Pine Cones  
Green



1567-66 Snowy Pine Trees  
Green



1568-90 Tossed Reindeer with  
Christmas Trees - Lt. Gray



1569-66 Christmas Sleighs  
Green



1570-90 Snowman Collage  
Lt. Gray



1571-01 Scenic Snowman  
White

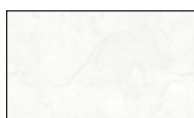


1572-90 Christmas Berries  
Lt. Gray

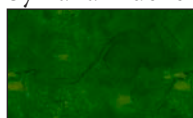


1573-90 Christmas Cars with  
Trees - Lt. Gray

Selected fabric from the Urban Legend collection  
by Tana Mueller



7101-01 Ivory



7101-66 Hunter



7101-88 Red

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## Materials

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

3/8 yard 1566-66 Pine Cones - Green  
3/8 yard 1568-90 Tossed Reindeer with Christmas Trees - Lt. Gray  
3/8 yard 1570-90 Snowman Collage - Lt. Gray  
1/2 yard 1561-90 Christmas Stockings - Lt. Gray  
1/2 yard 1564-88 Snowman Toss - Red  
1/2 yard 1572-90 Christmas Berries - Lt. Gray  
1/2 yard 7101-66 Urban Legend - Hunter  
3/4 yard 1563-99 Lanterns with Poinsettia - Black  
3/4 yard 1571-01 Scenic Snowman - White  
1 yard 1562-88 Ice Skates - Red  
1-3/8 yards 1573-90 Christmas Cars with Trees - Lt. Gray  
1-5/8 yards 1569-66 Christmas Sleighs - Green  
1-5/8 yards 7101-01 Urban Legend - White  
1-5/8 yards 7101-88 Urban Legend - Red  
5-5/8 yards 1568-90 Tossed Reindeer with Christmas Trees - Lt. Gray for backing  
84" x 100" piece of Air Lite® Colour Me 100% Cotton batting  
Plastic for template

## Cut Fabrics

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

### From 1566-66 Pine Cones – Green, cut:

- \*Two 4-1/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:
  - Twelve 4-1/4" squares; cut diagonally twice. (A)
  - Twenty-four 1-5/8" squares; cut diagonally once. (B)

### From 1568-90 Tossed Reindeer with Christmas Trees - Lt. Gray, cut:

- \*One 2-1/4" x WOF strip. Sub-cut eight 2-1/4" x 4-1/4 strips.
- \*Four pairs of tree background triangles with templates A and B.

### From 1570-90 Snowman Collage - Lt. Gray, cut:

- \*One 3-3/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut four 3-3/8" squares.
- \*Two 3-1/2" x WOF strips for Strip Set 1.

### From 1561-90 Christmas Stockings – Lt. Gray, cut:

- \*Four 3-1/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut forty-eight 3-1/8" squares.

### From 1564-88 Snowman Toss – Red, cut:

- \*Two 6-1/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut eight 6-1/4" squares.

### From 1572-90 Christmas Berries – Lt. Gray, cut:

- \*One 3-3/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut four 3-3/8" squares and four 3-3/8" x 6-1/8" rectangles.
- \*Seven 1-1/2" x WOF strips for borders 3 and 5 (top/bottom).

### From 7101-66 Urban Legend – Hunter, cut:

- \*Three 1-1/2" x WOF strips. Set aside two strips for Strip Set 1, and sub-cut one strip into four 1-1/2" x 4-3/8" and four 1-1/2" x 3-3/8" strips.
- \*Three 2-5/8" x WOF strips. Set aside two strips for Strip Set 3, and sub-cut one strip into twenty-four 1-1/2" x 2-5/8" strips.

### From 1563-99 Lanterns with Poinsettia – Black, cut:

- \*One 6-1/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut one 6-1/8" square and eight 3-3/8" squares.
- \*Four 4-1/2" x WOF strips for border 4 (top/bottom).

### From 1571-01 Scenic Snowman – White, cut:

- \*Four 5-3/4" x WOF strips. Set aside three strips for Strip Set 2, and sub-cut one strip into four 5-3/4" squares.

### From 1562-88 Ice Skates – Red, cut:

- \*One 1-5/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut sixteen 1-5/8" squares; cut diagonally once. (C)
- \*One 4-1/4" x WOF strip. Sub-cut eight 4-1/4" squares; cut diagonally twice. (D)
- \*Three 4-1/2" x WOF strips for Strip Set 2.
- \*One 11-3/4" x WOF strip. Sub-cut four 4-1/2" x 11-3/4" and four 4-1/2" x 7-3/4" rectangles.

### From 1573-90 Christmas Cars with Trees - Lt. Gray, cut:

- \*Eight 5-1/2" x WOF strips for border 8.



## From 1569-66 Christmas Sleighs – Green, cut:

\*Three 11-3/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut eight 11-3/4" squares and fifteen 3-1/8" squares.

\*Two 3-1/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut seventeen 3-1/8" squares (for a total of thirty-two squares).

\*Four tree triangles with tree template.

## From 7101-01 Urban Legend – White, cut:

\*Two 1-1/2" x WOF strips for Strip Sets 3 and 4.

\*Three 2-1/4" x WOF strips. Set aside two strips for Strip Set 1 and sub-cut one strip into four 2-1/4" x 6-1/8" and four 2-1/4" x 4-3/8" strips.

\*Six 2-3/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut eighty 2-3/4" squares.

\*Three 5-3/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut twenty 5-3/4" squares.

\*Seven 1-1/2" x WOF strips for borders 2 and 6 (top/bottom).

## From 7101-88 Urban Legend – Red, cut:

\*Five 2-1/2" x WOF strips. Set aside three strips for Strip Set 2 and sub-cut two strips into four 2-1/2" x 7-3/4" and four 2-1/2" x 5-3/4" rectangles.

\*Three 2-5/8" x WOF strips. Set aside two strips for Strip Set 4 and sub-cut one strip into sixteen 1-1/2" x 2-5/8" strips and four 2-1/4" squares.

\*Eight 1-1/4" x WOF strips for border 7.

\*Nine 2-1/2" x WOF strips for binding.

## Assemble Blocks

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

Center Medallion (45" finished).

**Note:** The measurements given at Steps 3, 7, and 11 assume perfect 1/4" seams. In the unlikely event your measurements differ, do not trim the medallion parts because the star points will be lost. Proceed with the instructions and then refer to the note in the **Assemble Quilt Top** section.

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3-3/8" 1563-99 Lanterns with Poinsettia – Black squares. With right sides together, layer a marked Black square on the left short end of a 3-3/8" x 6-1/8" 1572-90 Christmas Berries – Lt. Gray rectangle and stitch on the drawn line. Trim 1/4" away from the seam line and press open. In the same manner, stitch another Black square to the opposite end of the same rectangle (*figure 1*). Repeat to make four 3-3/8" x 6-1/8" flying-geese units.



Figure 1 – Make (4) 3-3/8" x 6-1/8" units.

2. Sew two Step 1 flying geese to opposite sides of the 6-1/8" 1563-99 Lanterns with Poinsettia – Black square (*figure 2*). Press the seams toward square.



Figure 2

3. Sew two 3-3/8" 1572-90 Christmas Berries – Lt. Gray squares to each end of the remaining Step 1 flying geese. Press the seams toward the squares. Noting fabric orientation, sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of the Step 2 unit (*figure 3*). The star block will measure 11-3/4".

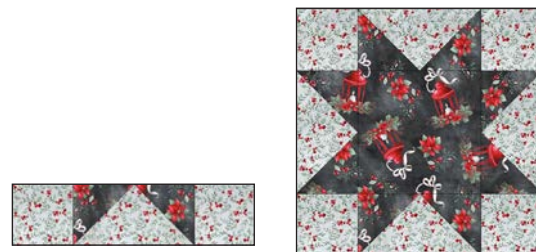


Figure 3

4. Make Strip Set 1 by sewing a 1-1/2" 7101-66 Urban Legend – Hunter strip in between a 2-1/4" 7101-01 Urban Legend – White strip and a 3-1/2" 1570-90 Snowman Collage – Lt. Gray strip. Press the seams in

one direction. Repeat to make another strip set. Cross-cut the strip sets into four 11-3/4" sections (*figure 4*).

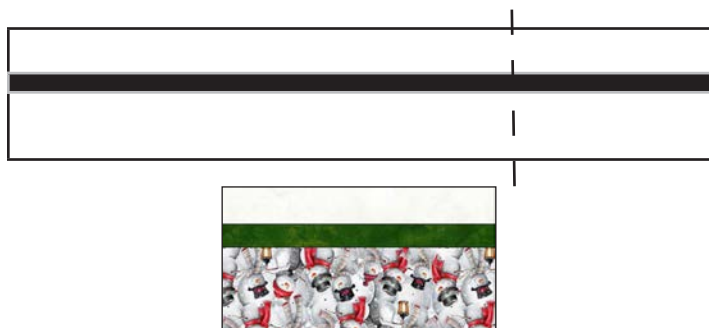


Figure 4 – Make (4) 11-3/4" sections.

5. Repeat Step 1 with the eight 6-1/4" 1564-88 Snowman Toss – Red squares and the Step 4 sections to make four 6-1/4" x 11-3/4" flying geese (*figure 5*).



Figure 5 – Make (4) 6-1/4" x 11-3/4" units.

6. Sew the corner blocks as shown below using the 3-1/2" 1570-90 Snowman Collage - Lt. Gray squares, the 1-1/2" x 3-3/8" and 1-1/2" x 4-3/8" 7101-66 Urban Legend – Hunter strips and the 2-1/4" x 4-3/8" and 2-1/4" x 6-1/8" 7101-01 Urban Legend – White strips. Press the seams toward dark fabric after each addition. Make two 6-1/4" corner units of each type (*figure 6*).

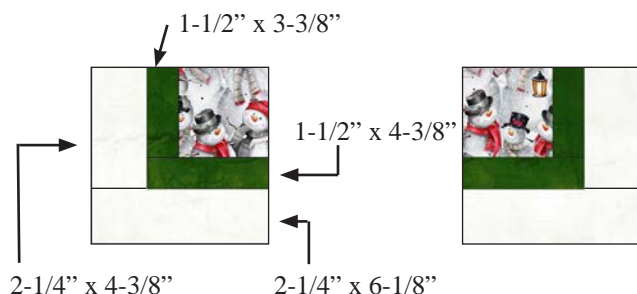


Figure 6 – Make (2) of each type.

7. Sew two Step 5 units to opposite sides of the Step 3 star block. Press the seams away from the center. Noting fabric orientation, sew one Step 6 of each type to each of the remaining Step 5 units.

Then, sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom to complete the first radiating star (*figure 7*) measuring 23". Press the seams open.

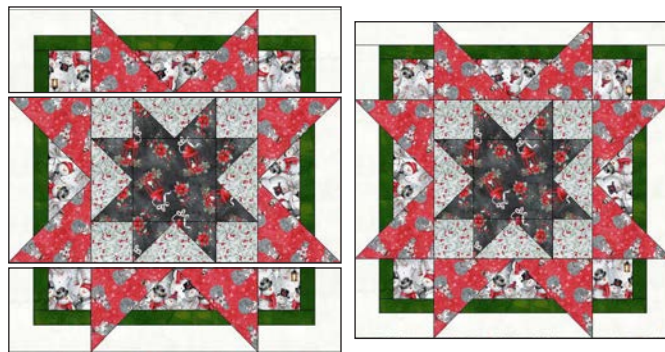


Figure 7

8. Sew together the three 2-1/2" 7101-88 Urban Legend – Red strips end to end using diagonal seams. Repeat with the three 5-3/4" 1571-01 Scenic Snowman – White strips and the three 4-1/2" 1562-88 Ice Skates – Red strips. Sew the Red strip in between the Snowman and the Skates strips to make one long strip set. Press the seams in one direction. Cross-cut the strip set into four 23" sections (*figure 8*).



Figure 8 – Make (4) sections.

9. Repeat Step 1 with the 11-3/4" 1569-66 Christmas Sleighs – Green squares and the Step 8 sections to make four flying geese (*figure 9*).



Figure 9 – Make (4) 11-3/4" x 23" units.

10. Repeat Step 6 with the 5-3/4" 1571-01 Scenic Snowman – White squares, the 2-1/2" x 5-3/4" and 2-1/2" x 7-3/4" 7101-88 Urban Legend - Red rectangles, and the 4-1/2" x 7-3/4" and 4-1/2" x 11-3/4" 1562-88 Ice Skates – Red rectangles to make two corner units of each type (*figure 10, next page*).



Figure 10 – Make (2) 11-3/4" units of each type.

11. Repeat Step 7 with the Step 9 and Step 10 units to complete the 45-1/2" center medallion (*figure 11*).

**Note:** If the completed block measures more than 45-1/2", DO NOT trim it as the star points will be lost. Refer to the note in the **Assemble Quilt Top** section for how to handle it.



Figure 11

Border Blocks (9" finished).

12. Sew a 1-1/2" 7101-01 Urban Legend – White strip in between two 2-5/8" 7101-66 Urban Legend – Hunter strips to make the Strip Set 3. Press the seams away from the center. Cross-cut the strip set into twelve 1-1/2" sections. Sew one 1566-66 Pine Cones - Green triangle B to each end (*figure 12*).



Figure 12 – Make (12) 1-1/2" sections.

13. Sew two 1566-66 Pine Cones - Green triangles A to opposite sides of one 1-1/2" x 2-5/8" Urban Legend – Hunter strip. Press the seams toward the center. Sew one 1566-66 Pine Cones - Green triangle B to the top. Press the seams toward triangle. Repeat to make twenty-four units (*figure 13*).



Figure 13 – Make (24) units.

14. Sew one Step 13 unit to the top and one to the bottom of the Step 12 units to make twelve 5" patches (*figure 14*). Press the seams away from the center.



Figure 14 – Make (12) 5" units.

15. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3-1/8" 1561-90 Christmas Stockings – Lt. Gray squares. With right sides together, place two marked Lt. Gray squares on opposite corners of one 5-3/4" 7101-01 Urban Legend – White square, making sure drawn lines are intersecting in the middle and noting that the corners of the small squares will overlap. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the marked line (a), cut on the drawn line (b), and press each unit open (c). Place one more marked Lt. Gray square on the corner of each unit, stitch as before (d), and cut. Press the seams open (e) to make four 2-3/4" x 5" flying-geese units. Repeat with the remaining 3-1/8" Lt. Gray and the 5-3/4" White squares to make a total of forty-eight flying-geese units (*figure 15*).

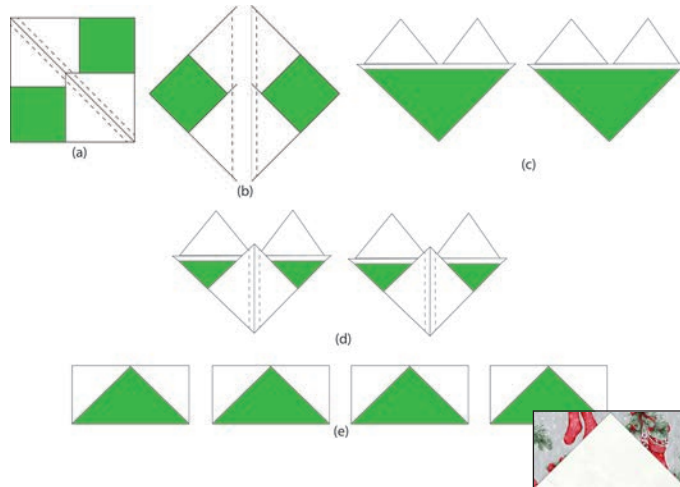


Figure 15 – Make (48) 2-3/4" x 5" units.



16. Sew two Step 15 units to opposite sides of the Step 14 units. Press the seams toward the center. Sew two 2-3/4" 7101-01 Urban Legend – White squares to each remaining Step 15 unit. Press the seams toward squares. Make a total of twenty-four strips. Sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of each center unit to make twelve 9-1/2" blocks (*figure 16*). Press the seams toward the strips.

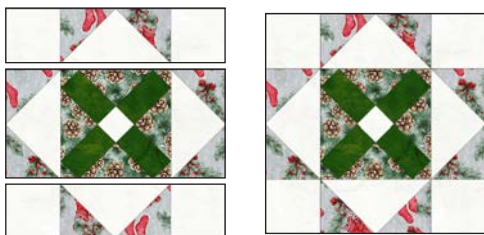


Figure 16 – Make (12) 9-1/2" blocks.

17 – Repeat Steps 12-16 with the remaining 1-1/2" 7101-01 Urban Legend – White strip, the 2-5/8" 7101-88 Urban Legend – Red strips, the 1562-88 Ice Skates – Red triangles C and D, the remaining 5-3/4" 7101-01 Urban Legend – White squares, and the 3-1/8" 1569-66 Christmas Sleighs – Green squares to make eight 9-1/2" blocks (*figure 17*).

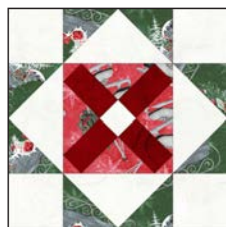


Figure 17 – Make (8) 9-1/2" blocks.

18. Trace four pairs of tree background triangles A and B on the plastic to make templates. Cut on the outline. Trace templates on the wrong side of the 1568-90 Tossed Reindeer with Christmas Trees - Lt. Gray fabric using a fabric marker or pencil. Cut on the outline using a ruler and a rotary cutter.

Repeat to make the tree template and trace four trees onto the 1569-66 Christmas Sleighs – Green fabric. Sew one triangle to each side of the trees and press open (*figure 18*).



Figure 18 - Make 4.

19. Sew a 2-1/4" 7101-88 Urban Legend – Red in between two 2-1/4" x 4-1/4" 1568-90 Tossed Reindeer with Christmas Trees - Lt. Gray strips. Repeat to make four strips. Center each strip under the trees from Step 18, sew in place, then trim the blocks to 9-1/2" (*figure 19*). Press the seams toward the tree.

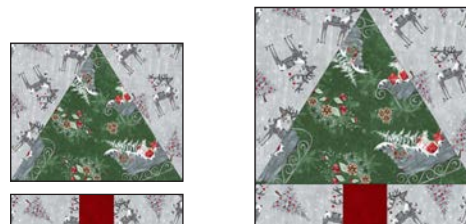


Figure 19

## Assemble Quilt Top

20. For border 1 and referring to the quilt photo for block placement, arrange five blocks for each side of the quilt. Sew blocks together and sew one border strip to each side of the quilt center. Press the seam toward quilt center.

21. Repeat step 20 with the four tree corner blocks and the remaining blocks and sew one border strip to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt center.

**NOTE:** If the medallion measures more than 45-1/2", the five 9" blocks will not fit around it. You will need to add a narrow strip to each end of the border strips. To find out the width of this narrow strip, subtract the length of the border strip (45-1/2" [5 blocks x 9-1/2" = 45-1/2"] ) from the width of your medallion. Let's say your medallion measures 46-1/2". Then, 46-1/2" minus 45-1/2" equals 1". So, add one 1" x 9-1/2" strip to each end of the border strips. [Adjust the width of the narrow strip to your own number, and use that number as you cut the WOF strips next].

Cut two 1" x WOF strips of the 1568-90 Tossed Reindeer with Christmas Trees - Lt. Gray (there is enough yardage for this eventuality), and sub-cut it into eight 1" x 9-1/2" strips. Sew one strip to each end of the border strips (*figure 20*).



**Figure 20 – Only applies if medallion DOES NOT measure 45-1/2".**

22. For border 2, sew together the 1-1/2" 7101-01 Urban Legend – White strips end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the width of the quilt top through the center. Cut four border strips that length. Set aside two strips for Step 25. Sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom. Press the seams toward the borders.
23. Repeat Step 22 with the 1-1/2" 1572-90 Christmas Berries – Lt. Gray to make and add border 3 (save two strips).
24. Repeat Step 22 with the 4-1/2" 1563-99 Lanterns with Poinsettia – Black to make and add border 4.
25. For border 5, add the remaining 1-1/2" 7101-01 Urban Legend – White strips to the top and bottom of the quilt center.
26. Repeat step 25 with the remaining 1-1/2" 1572-90 Christmas Berries – Lt. Gray strips to add border 6.
27. For border 7, join the eight 1-1/4" 7101-88 Urban Legend - Red 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.
28. Repeat Step 27 with the eight 5-1/2" 1573-90 Christmas Cars with Trees - Lt. Gray strips to make and add border 8.

## Finishing

29. Create a quilt sandwich with the batting between the quilt top and the backing. Pin or baste layers together, mark quilting design, and quilt by hand or machine. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting, and trim batting and backing even with raw edges of the quilt top.

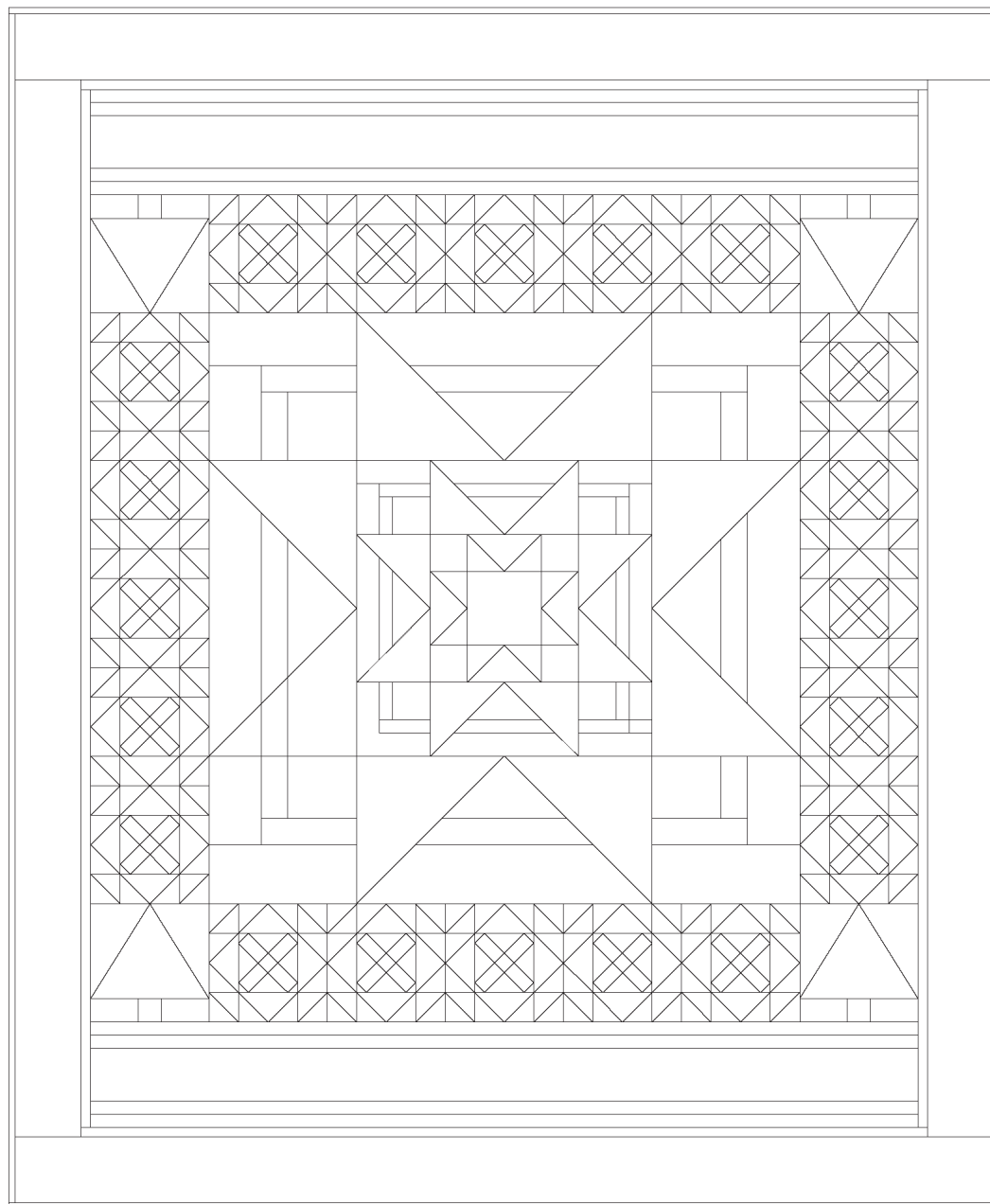


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30. Join the nine 2-1/2" 7101-88 Urban Legend - Red binding strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Sew binding to the edges of the quilt, mitering corners, and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back of the quilt and stitch it in place by hand to finish.

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1" square

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