

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Let's admit it, our minds are already thinking about Christmas, or will be as soon as the turkey dinner is eaten! We present blocks to make a Christmas quilt without the Christmas novelty fabric. Red, white and green are the colors of this months block.

To make a finished 9 in. block cut:

From green:

A - Two $3 \frac{7}{8}$ in. squares

D - Four $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$ in. pieces

E - One $3 \frac{1}{2}$ in. square

From white:

B - Two $3 \frac{7}{8}$ in. squares

From red:

C - Eight $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$ in. pieces

Put green and white $3 \frac{7}{8}$ in. squares right sides together. Draw diagonal line down center of square and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ in. on both sides of line. Cut on drawn line and press. You now have four blocks. Press toward green.

Sew strips of red/green/red pieces together. Press toward green. (I just learned the trick that if we press toward the center color in a strip set, it "pops". I think it works!)

Sew rows as shown in diagram. Press top and bottom rows away from strips and center row toward the green square. This will help abut seams as you sew rows together.

REMINDER: Do not trim block.

