



**Sock Santa, Modaelf & Rudolifarilla
Pinwheel quilt - Applique recipes
are on Moda Bake Shop, posted
12/18/11**

Finished size 40" x 53"

I bought extra yardage of Erin Michael's Santa's Little Helper fabrics not knowing what would be made of it all.

One day I just started cutting and sewing 1/2 square triangles hoping there was enough fabric to finish a quilt.

Here's a very quick writeup (minimally edited) of how to create the 1/2 square triangles and sew it all together.

For a quilt this size, you will need 1-3/4 yards backing fabric and 3/8 - 1/2 yard for binding.

Fabrics I started with are below.



1-1/2 yards - Used for piecing the setting triangles and part of the backing.

1/2 yd.

1 yd.

1 yd.

1 yd.

1 charm pack - Santa's Little Helpers

Part of the charm pack was used in making the appliques and the rest in piecing half-square triangles for the quilt.

1 fat qtr each, green and red monkey skin - not pictured

Step 1

Cut a background piece for the appliques approx. 12" high by width of the fabric you choose.

I used the white with green and red dots.

You can adjust the height depending on what size you make the appliques.

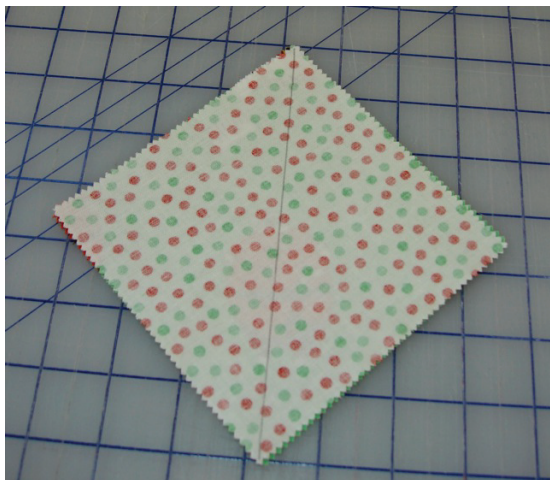


Step 2

Cut the remaining white with green and red dot fabric into 5" squares matching the size of the charm pack squares.

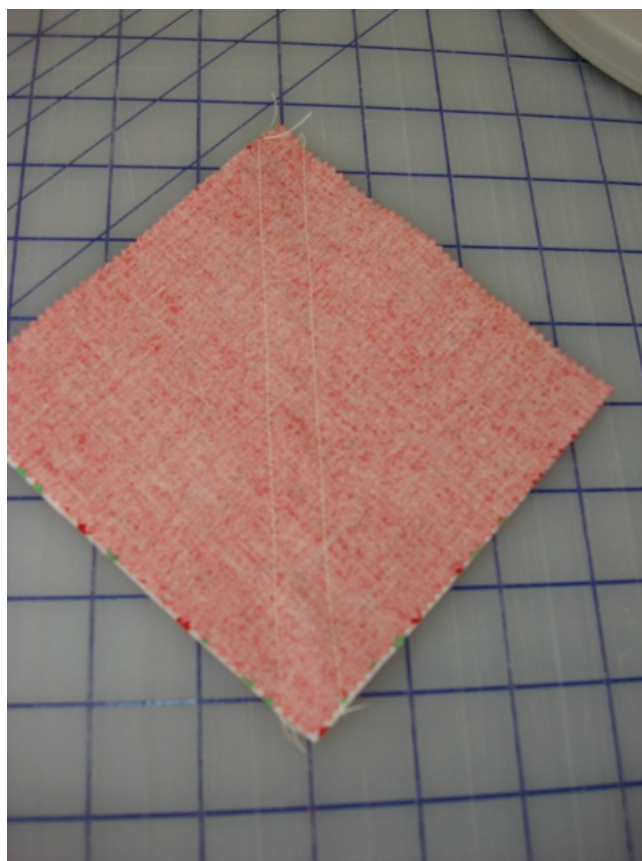
Step 3

Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light 5" squares.



Step 4

Place a light square on top of a darker square, right sides together. Sew a 1/4" seam on each side of the drawn line. Repeat for all 5" squares.



Step 5

Cut the squares in half on the drawn line and press each 1/2 square triangle seam toward darker fabrics.



The 1/2 square triangle blocks form pinwheels when the rows of the quilt are sewn together. I used all of the charm pack squares left after the appliques were made along with the the white with green and red dot 5" squares and a few more from the extra yardage.



Make approx 72 - 1/2 square triangle blocks. Sew 36 each light and darker squares together and then cut in half on the diagonal.

Step 6

Lay out the quilt in diagonal rows either on a design wall or the floor.

Step 7

Step back. Take a look and balance the color by moving the blocks around until you are pleased with the arrangement. You can use the picture of the quilt as a guide.



Step 8

Cut and add 5" squares of the portrait fabric to the ends of each row. You will be adding a row at the corners.

Step 9

Sew the blocks into diagonal rows. Press the seams in alternating directions.

Step 10

Sew all the rows together, matching points. Press.

Step 11

Trim the sides, top and bottom of the quilt forming a rectangle. Be sure to leave a 1/4" seam allowance around the entire outside edge of the quilt. Otherwise the points will be lost when you sew the borders on.



Step 12

Sew the white with green and red dot background fabric piece to the top of the quilt.

Step 13

Use the recipe posted on Moda Bake Shop 12/18/11 to fuse and applique, Sock Santa, Modaelf and Rudolpharilla. Notice the collars on Modaelf and Rudolpharilla are placed into the body of the quilt.

Step 14

Cut narrow borders of the green with red and white dot fabric and sew to the sides, top and bottom of the quilt.

There will be less stretch in your borders if you cut them on the lengthwise grain. However, you can't always do that and a lot of the time have to piece borders to get length needed. Measure down the center/length of the quilt to determine correct length of the side borders. Cut strips and piece to get the right length. Find the center of the border strips and center of the quilt. Pin borders to the quilt at centers and sew from center out.

Measure across the center/width of the quilt for the correct top and bottom border length. Sew the same way you did the side borders. This really helps the quilt to be square and borders to lay flat.

Step 15

Make a quilt sandwich with backing, batting and top. Pin or spray baste.



Step 16 - Quilting Suggestions

Quilt around the hats, faces, beards, bodies of the characters.

Quilt vertical lines about 1-1/2" apart behind the characters or a grid would be nice too.

Quilt an overall pattern in the pinwheel part of the quilt or stitch in the ditch for each pinwheel.

Step 17

Bind the quilt with a double-fold, straight grain binding. There are lots of videos, etc. online to help with this if you need it.

This is a very quick write up of how I made the quilt so hopefully all instructions you would need are here. I wish you success and fun making it. Merry Christmas!