

# Nutcracker Ornaments Table Runner

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Measures 14.25" x 31.75"

## Requirements

(24) 4" squares - fabric used is called **The Nutcracker by Riley Blake Designs**

(2) 6" x 14.5" white/red dot print

Assorted scraps for applique ornaments

Bonding paper (eg Vliesofix)

Sharp 2B pencil

Paper scissors

Red Ric Rac or Ribbon

\* Gold Floss to embellish (optional)

16" x 34" batting

16" x 34" backing

6" x WOF red solid - binding

Neutral machine cotton thread for piecing and applique

General sewing supplies

## Assembly

1. Piece the 4" squares into 6 rows of 4. If the prints are directional, take special care with placement.

2. Trace 10 ornament shapes onto the paper side of the Vliesofix. Use the template provided as a guide to choose your favourite combination of templates.

3. Roughly cut out the shapes with paper scissors. Fuse these shapes to the back of the assorted scraps with the glue side down. Cut these shapes out directly on the line.

4. Remove the backing paper and position 5 ornaments on each (6" x 14.5") white/red spot rectangle. Place them evenly along the middle of the rectangle, but at different heights (to represent hanging ornaments). Be sure to leave a minimum of 1" on either side of the rectangle for the binding.

5. Cut small pieces of red ric-rac and place them just under the top of the ornament (approx 1/4") and overlapping the edge of the rectangle.

6. When the layout is complete, fuse the ornaments in place with a hot, dry iron. The ric rac will be held down with the glue from the ornament. Baste the top of the ric rac to the edge of the rectangle to hold it in place.

7. Machine applique around each ornament twice. Sew close to the edge of the fabric, without going over onto the background fabric.

\* Optional\* Use gold floss to embellish the ornaments. Sew a running stitch around the ornament and weave some gold floss through the ric rac.

Yield 2 appliqued rectangle pieces.

8. Sew an appliqued rectangle to either side of the patchwork centre section. Ensure the ric rac tops are sewn into the seam.

9. Sandwich the backing, batting and table topper top. Quilt as desired. I quilted mine with a loopy all over design.

## Binding

From the binding fabric, cut (3) 1.75" x WOF strips. Sew the binding strips together, to create a long 1.75" strip of binding.

Starting about halfway along one side of the runner and leaving a tail for joining, sew the binding to the right side, mitring the corners as you go.

Stop approximately 6" from the starting point, join the ends neatly with a 45-degree seam, trim the surplus and finish sewing the binding to the table runner. Turn the runner to the back, turn the raw edges under and slip-stitch the binding in place along the seam-line.



