

A Christmas Mystery

~~If you missed Part 1 and would like to make this 28" x 28" wall quilt, call 800-477-6089 to order the July/Aug '00 (No. 74) issue.~~

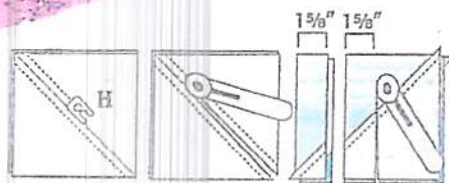
Complete directions for making a quilt are in "Basic Lessons" on the insert.

Suspense getting to you? It's time to unwrap the box a little further for a peek at another quick-piecing technique. Our thanks to Martha Thompson for sharing her *Rocky Mountain Sparkler* block with us.

Part Two

1 Making Mountains

On the wrong side of 12 white multiprint H patches, lightly draw a line from corner to corner. Pair them right sides together with 12 green scrap H's. For each pair, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " out on both sides of the line; then cut along the line to make 2 half-square triangles. Press the seam allowances toward the green fabric.

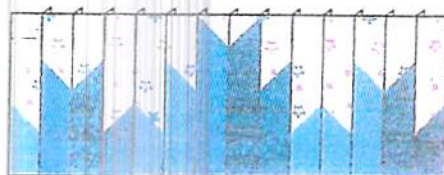


Make 12

Align 2 half-square triangles right sides and opposite fabrics together. Cut the layers into (4) $1\frac{5}{8}$ " strips as shown. Repeat this step with the remaining half-square triangles.

2 Assembling the Mountain Chains

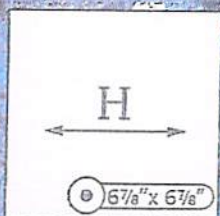
Following the diagram and with scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances, join the $1\frac{5}{8}$ " strips to make a mountain chain. (You will not need all of the $1\frac{5}{8}$ " strips.) Each of these chains should measure $16\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press the seam allowances between the $1\frac{5}{8}$ " strips in one direction. Make 4 mountain chains.



Mountain Chain

Make 4

Our next issue takes one more look inside the package and then reveals the secrets to this holiday gift.



Align arrow with lengthwise or crosswise grain of fabric.