

A Christmas Mystery

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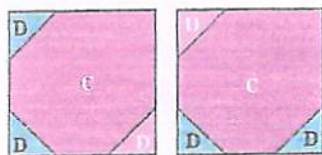
It's time to open the lid on our holiday package and unwrap the last secret to *A Christmas Mystery*. If you like surprises, don't turn the page until you have completed these steps! For parts 1 and 2 of this mystery series, call 800-477-6089 for back issues of *QM* July/Aug '00 and Sept/Oct '00 (Nos. 74 and 75).

Part Three

1 Stitch and Flip

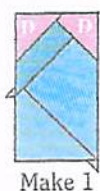
With right sides together, align a green D patch on one corner of a red print 1 C. From corner to corner, sew the patches together. Trim $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the stitching and press open.

Using this method and following the illustrations below, sew the red and green D's to the C's, one Flying Geese, 1 quarter-square triangle and an E patch. Likewise join the G's to a white multiprint C and an F as shown.

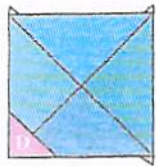


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C/D Unit 2
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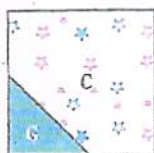
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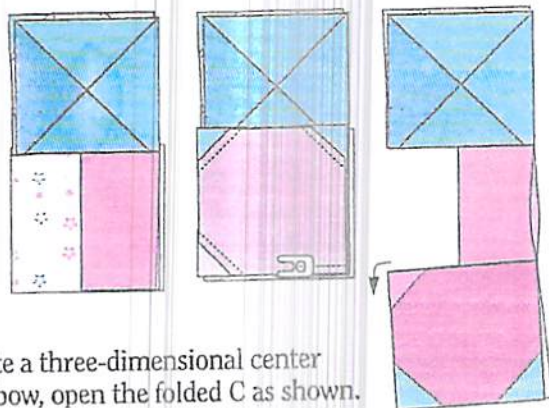


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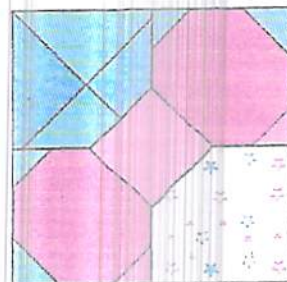
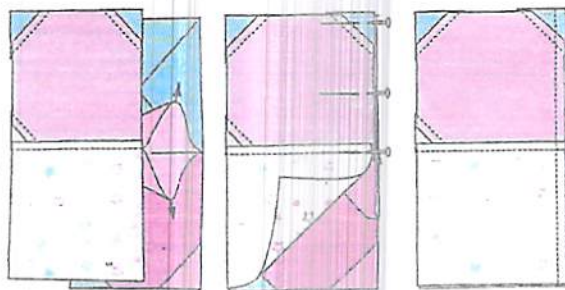


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Likewise, sandwiching the opposite end of C, sew together C/D unit 2 and a white multiprint C. Again, press open.

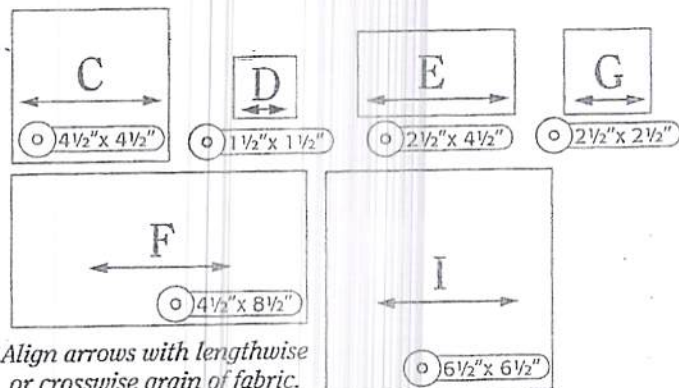
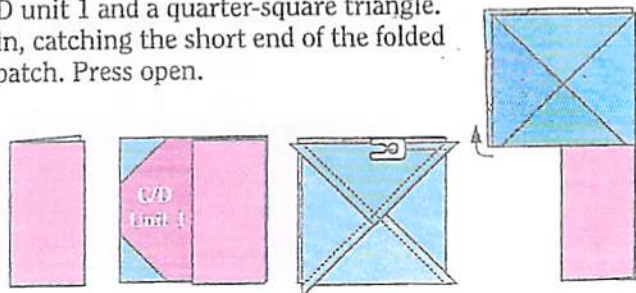


To create a three-dimensional center for the bow, open the folded C as shown. Aligning raw edges, pin in place and then sew these units together. Press the bow open.



2 Making a 3-D Bow Tie

Fold the red print 2 C in half with *wrong* sides together. With right sides together, sandwich the folded C between C/D unit 1 and a quarter-square triangle. Join, catching the short end of the folded C patch. Press open.



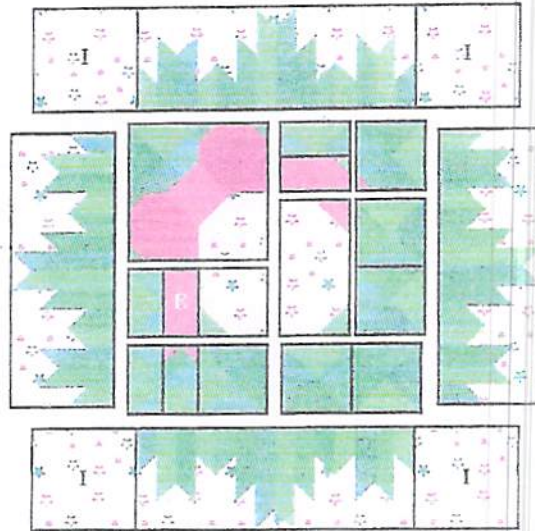
Align arrows with lengthwise or crosswise grain of fabric.

3 Assembling the Quilt Top

Following the assembly diagram, join the bow, Flying Geese, quarter-square triangles, stitch-and-flip units and E.

On each end of 2 mountain chains, join an I patch to make the top and bottom chains.

Sew a mountain chain to each side of the quilt. Add the top and bottom chains.

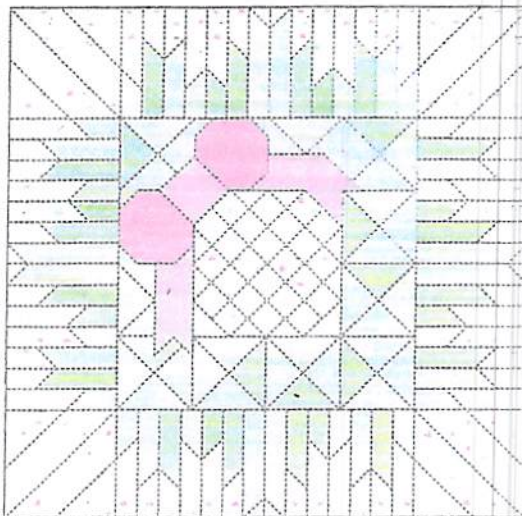


Assembly

4 Quilting and Finishing

To mark the grid quilting, align a ruler with the seam lines of the patchwork and extend the lines into the center of the wreath. Also extend the seam lines into the corners as shown.

Layer the lining, batting and quilt top and baste the layers together. Quilt the patches in the ditch and then quilt the marked lines.



Quilting Placement

Join the binding strips to make one long strip. Sew this strip to the quilt to enclose the edges.

To show off your fine detective work and to decorate for the holiday season, add a sleeve to the lining. ☒