Nine Patch Star
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A fun star block for Christmas, Quilts of Valor, or your own color combinations! Scrappy to use up those bits in your sewing room.

Cutting for three Christmas blocks

Red 2-1/2-inch squares = 24
Gold 2-1/2-inch squares = 3
White 3-1/2-inch squares = 12
Green 4-inch squares = 12
White 4-inch squares = 12

Patriotic Quilt 20 blocks

Star print center 2-1/2-inch squares = 20
Blue 2-1/2-inch squares = 160
White 3-1/2-inch squares = 80
Red 4-inch squares = 80
White 4-inch squares = 80

Cutting for one block, multiply by number you want

Nine patch squares 2-1/2-inch squares = 8 x _____ = __________
Center of nine patch 2-1/2-inch squares = 1 x _____ = __________
Corners Background 3-1/2-inch squares = 4 x _____ = __________
Star Points Color 4-inch squares = 4 x _____ = __________
Star Points Background 4-inch squares = 4 x _____ = __________
To make the Christmas Runner with three blocks -

Begin the units by making the nine-patches. Place the gold square in the center, red around the edges and sew in rows. Press each row opposite to make nesting easier, like the top and bottom to the right and the middle to the left. Make 3. This unit should measure 6-1/2-inches square.

Next, pair up the 4-inch green squares with the 4-inch white squares. Draw sewing lines on the white, 1/4-inch from the diagonal center. Chain sew on the lines, cut apart down the center. Make 24 HST units.

Press to the green, and square to 3-1/2-inches. You should have one nine-patch unit, eight HSTs and four white 3-1/2-inch white squares.

Lay out the block. Start by sewing the HSTs units together. Press the seams open on these units to reduce bulk. Then sew in rows across the block. Sew the three blocks into the runner. Add borders and quilt as desired. Bind as usual.

Enjoy your Nine Patch Star!

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