

Quilted Firework Table Runner

To make this project, you will need:

- * 1 piece of red fabric- 11" x 13 1/2"
- * 1 piece of blue fabric- 11 x 13 1/2"
- * 1 piece of white or cream fabric- 18" x 13 1/2"
- * 2 borders of light blue fabric- 3 1/2" x 45"
- * 1 package of red medium rick rack (2 1/2 yards)
- * 3 yards of blue 1/8 inch ribbon
- * thread that matches the ribbon
- * assorted fabric for 8 small stars and 5 large stars in reds and blues (I used six different fabrics-- all scraps!)
- * red fabric for center circle- 2 3/4" wide
- * Wonder Under
- * 1/4 yard red fabric for binding
- * 5/8 yard fabric for backing
- * quilt batting

Instructions:

1. Using a scant 1/4 inch seam, piece together the blue to the white fabric sewing the 13 1/2" edges together. Piece together the red to the white. This creates the center piece. Press seams toward dark fabric.
2. Lay the rick rack against the long side of the center piece. Sew into place with a scant 1/4 seam. (Keep your stitching on the outer edge of the center line of the rick rack.)
3. Lay border fabric on top of the rick rack and pin into place. The border is longer than the center and will be trimmed after it is sewn. Turn the fabric over and following the line of your stitching of the rick rack, stitch into place. Repeat on other side of runner.

Once both sides are sewn, trim even with the center

4. Press rick rack towards the border.
5. Make the stars and circle by tracing pattern to the smooth side of wonder under. I used cookie cutters and a cup... but I made a printable template for you.

Iron to the wrong side of fabric.

Cut out.

Lay out the circle roughly in the center and the stars around it in a pleasing pattern.

6. Working from the circle lay out ribbon connecting to each star and cut leaving an extra 1/2 inch to fit under the circle and star.

7. Pin circle, stars and ribbon into place.

8. Using matching thread, stitch the ribbon into place. You will need to remove the circle. Remove each star when you stitch ribbon and then pin it back into place immediately to keep it organized.

9. Stitch around circle and stars using decorative stitch. (I used a small blanket stitch. My mom would never consider doing anything but applique! Do what suits you.) Press well.

10. Layer top, batting and backing and quilt. I am lucky enough to have my very talented Aunt Karen who quilted it together beautifully on her large quilting machine. Her company is called Stitched in Time (which she did!) You can also quilt by hand or on your sewing machine.

11. Sew on the binding. (if you want to make this project really easy, you can skip the binding by layering the top to the backing right sides together. Place the batting to the wrong side of the top. Stitch around the outer edge, leaving a 6 inch opening at the bottom. Turn and press. Stitch the opening closed. Quilt together.