FREE PATTERN · BEGINNER

Five-Strip Holiday Table Runner

A quick, beginner-friendly runner made from five strips of holiday prints. Sew it in an afternoon, and use the leftovers for matching placemats.



Finished size: **15 × 36 in (38 × 91 cm)** · Time: about 2–3 hours · Skill: confident beginner

You will need

	Fabric	Use	Buy
	**Metallic Snowflakes (red)** Siltex, Christmas Collection	Strip 1	½ m + ½ m for backing
	**Holly Leaf & Berry** Henry Glass, Christmas Legend	Strip 2	½ m
	**Vines (red)** Siltex, Christmas Collection	Strip 3 + binding	½ m
	**Trees** Northcott, Bearly Christmas	Strip 4	½ m
	**Metallic Vines (red)** Siltex, Metallic Christmas	Strip 5	½ m

- Batting: 20 × 40 in (51 × 102 cm)
- All-purpose thread in a neutral or red
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat, pins or clips
- Walking foot (recommended)

Cutting

From	Cut
Each of the 5 strip fabrics	1 strip 3½ in (8.9 cm) × width of fabric (WOF). For the bonus placemats, cut a second strip from each.
Vines (red) leftover	3 binding strips 2½ in (6.4 cm) × WOF
Backing (½ m Metallic Snowflakes)	1 piece 19½ × 40½ in (50 × 103 cm)
Batting	1 piece 19½ × 40½ in (50 × 103 cm)

Fabric picks are from our current stock. Use any five prints you love: 3½ in strips work with almost any fabric. All seams are ¼ in (0.6 cm). WOF = width of fabric, selvage to selvage.

Instructions

1. **Sew the strips together**
   Lay the five strips out in order. Sew strip 1 to strip 2 along the long edge, right sides together, with a ¼ in seam. Add strips 3, 4 and 5 the same way. Sew each new seam in the opposite direction to the last one to keep the panel from bowing.



2. **Press**
   Press all seams to one side (or open, if you prefer a flatter finish). Your panel should measure about 15½ in tall.

3. **Trim**
   Square up one short end, then trim the panel to 15½ × 36½ in (39.4 × 92.7 cm). Trim off the selvages.

4. **Layer and baste**
   Lay the backing right side down, then the batting, then the runner panel right side up. Smooth out the layers and pin, clip or spray baste every few inches.

5. **Quilt**
   With a walking foot, stitch in the ditch along each seam, or ¼ in on each side of every seam. For extra texture, add wavy lines down each strip. Start in the middle and work outwards.

6. **Trim the edges**
   Trim the batting and backing even with the runner top, keeping the corners square.

7. **Bind**
   Join the 3 binding strips end to end with diagonal seams and press in half lengthwise. Sew to the front of the runner with a ¼ in seam, mitring the corners, then fold to the back and stitch by hand or machine.

Bonus: matching placemats
Sew the second set of five strips into another 15½ in panel, then cut it into three pieces 15½ × 12½ in. Layer, quilt and bind each one the same way. Your five half metres cover the placemat tops. For the placemats you will also need batting, plus ½ m for backing and ½ m for binding (each placemat takes about 65 in of binding).

Tips

- A fresh needle (80/12 universal or quilting) and a walking foot make quilting through the layers much easier.
- Directional prints? Cut every strip in the same direction so the pictures all face the same way.
- Want a longer runner? Join a second strip set end to end before trimming.

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