

LETTERS TO SANTA QAL FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS

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FINISHED
 SIZE:
 75" x 94"

WORD
 BLOCKS
 USED:

JOY
 PIE
 BOWS
 LOVE
 NOEL
 TREE
 CHEER
 CIDER
 MAGIC
 MERRY
 SANTA
 FAMILY
 HOHOHO
 MITTEN
 WISHES
 RIBBONS
 RUDOLPH
 SNOWMAN
 TWINKLE
 PRESENTS
 CHRISTMAS
 ORNAMENTS
 STOCKINGS
 NUTCRACKER
 GINGERBREAD

NEEDED FOR FINISHING: -----

(25) WORD BLOCKS MADE USING
 MINI ALPHABET QUILT LETTERING BY
 PRIMITIVE GATHERINGS & SETTING
 INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN QAL BLOG
 POSTS

(27) 5½" x 7½" FILLER BLOCKS
 *3 each of 9 block patterns

¾ YARD BACKGROUND FABRIC FOR
 EXTRA SASHINGS & OUTER BORDERS
**If not adding outer borders, you only
 need (2) 1½"x7½" extra sashing pieces*

¾ YARD BINDING (Bella Solid in
 Christmas Red 9900 16)

7 YARDS BACKING
**Or 2½ Yards of 108" Wideback Fabric*



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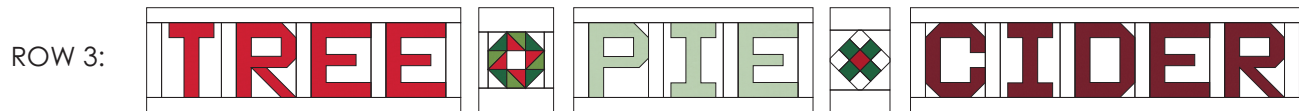
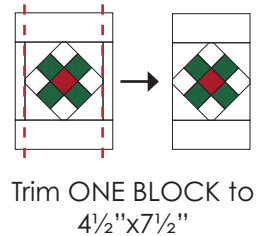
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CUTTING & PREPPING:

1. From the $\frac{3}{4}$ Yard of background fabric:

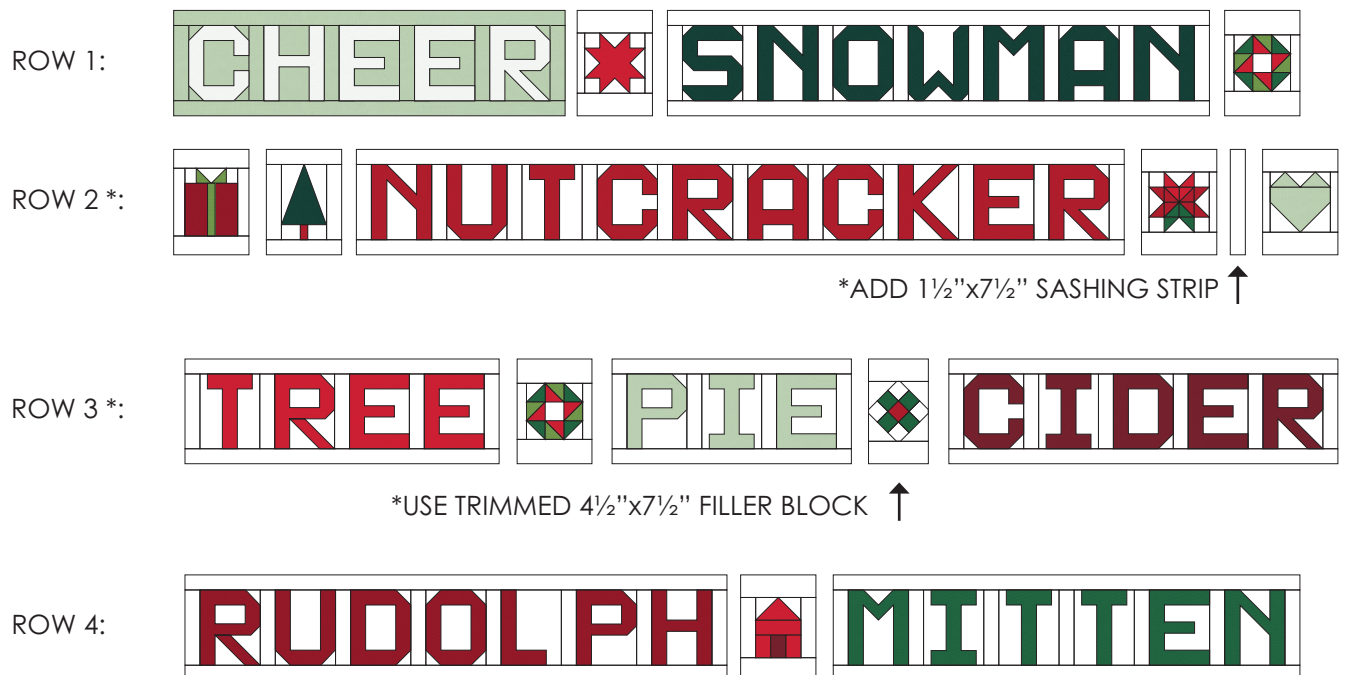
- Cut (9) 2" x WOF strips.
- Join strips end to end to make one long strip. Press seams open.
- Subcut (2) 2" x 91½" side borders, and (2) 2" x 75½" top/bottom borders.
- From the remainder, cut (2) 1½" x 7½" extra sashing pieces.

2. Optional: From ONE of your three GRANNY'S KISSES FILLER BLOCKS, trim the block down to 4½" x 7½". If you are making the quilt exactly as shown in this pattern, the 3rd row (TREE - PIE - CIDER) is 1" longer than the others. *You could also leave this block as-is, and plan to trim ½" off either side of the row as you assemble the quilt top all together.*



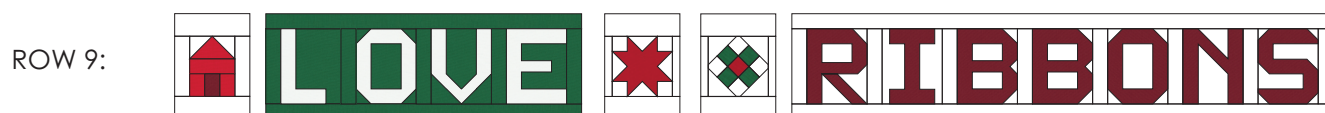
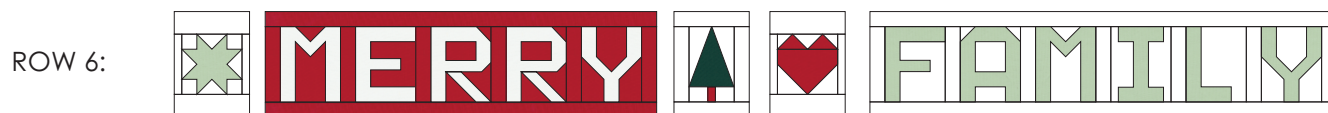
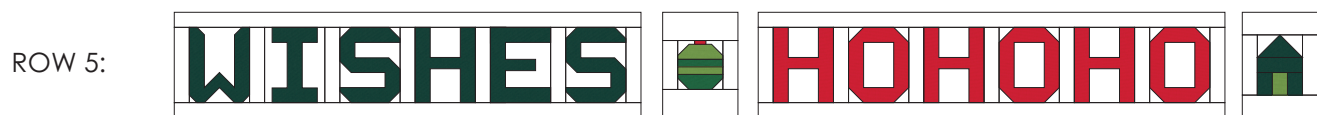
ASSEMBLY:

3. Join blocks together into rows as shown. Make sure to add the two extra sashing strips into ROWS 2 & 10, and to use the trimmed filler block in Row 3 if desired (all are noted with the diagrams as well). Each row should measure 72½" x 7½".

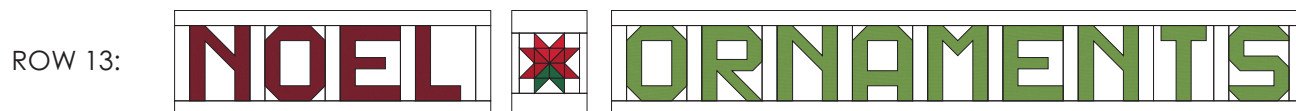


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ASSEMBLY (cont'd):



↑ *ADD 1½"x7½" SASHING STRIP



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ASSEMBLY (cont'd):

4. Join the rows together to form quilt top center, following the quilt image on the first page of these instructions. Center will measure $72\frac{1}{2}'' \times 91\frac{1}{2}''$. A few tips:

- Fold each row in half to find the center point, and then each side again to find the quarter points. Mark for each row, and then pin at these points when you begin to sew together as well as the beginning and end of the rows. Any fullness can be eased between the pins.
- Join the rows into sets of 2, then the 2's into sets of 4. There are 13 rows, so add the last row onto a set of 4 to make (2) sets of 4 and (1) set of 5.
- Be careful not to sew any rows on upside down!
- Press seams open or to the side as you go, not all at the end.

5. Add (2) $2'' \times 91\frac{1}{2}''$ borders on either side of quilt center. Press seams to the borders.

6. Add (2) $2'' \times 75\frac{1}{2}''$ borders on top and bottom of quilt center. Press seams to the borders. Quilt top will measure $75\frac{1}{2}'' \times 94\frac{1}{2}''$.

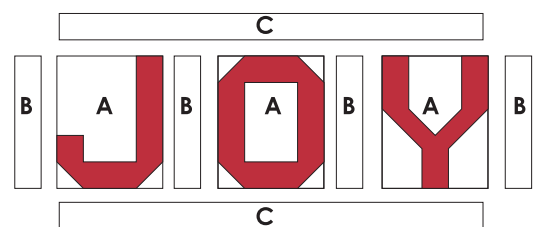
7. Recommended: Whether you add borders or not, but ESPECIALLY if you do not add borders, stay stitch around the outside of your quilt top. This will prevent any seams from separating during quilting.

8. Baste, Quilt, Bind, and Enjoy!

Just a reminder, the lettering for this QAL is from the pattern-for-purchase **Mini Alphabet Quilt by Primitive Gatherings** (PRI 442). You can find the pattern at your local quilt shop (or they can order it for you), and select retailers have the pattern as a PDF download.



We've given you the words assembly along the way every month, but if you want to make any changes, here's the quick 'math' behind a block:



A. Each Letter Finished = $4'' \times 5''$

B. Each Sashing between Letters Finished = $1'' \times 5''$

C. Each Top/Bottom border Finished = $1'' \times$ (width of letters + sashings)

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