Star-Crossed Table Topper

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Fabric Supplies:
- 1¼ yds. Background Fabric
- ½ yard Red Fabric
- ½ yard Plaid Fabric
- 1¼ yards Backing Fabric
- ½ yard Binding Fabric (use bias binding if creating the crossed table runner; if making a square quilt, you can cut binding the width of fabric)

Helpful Tools:
- Diagonal Seam Markers from APQS

Instructions:

Step One: Center Block – (Make One) unfinished size = 12 ½” x 12 ½”
- Cut 1 plaid square measuring 12 ½” x 12 ½”
- Cut 4 background squares measuring 6 ¼” x 6 ¼”

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side across each background square.

Place one square across a corner of the plaid square as shown, right sides together (RST). Sew along the drawn line. Place another square across the opposite corner and sew on the drawn line as before. Trim seam allowance to 1/4-inch.
Step One: Corner Blocks

Open corners and press seam allowance toward the plaid fabric. Add the remaining two background squares to the opposite corners as shown in center diagram below. Sew along marked line; trim 1/4-inch away from stitched line as before. Press.

Step Two: Star Blocks (Make Four Blocks) unfinished size = 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

Outer corner squares

- Cut 16 squares from background fabric, each measuring 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". Set aside for now.

Inside center sub-unit (make 4):

- From plaid fabric, cut 4 squares measuring 6 1/2" x 6 1/2"
- From background fabric, cut 16 squares measuring 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

Follow instructions from Step One to construct 4 inside center sub-units each star block (each inside center unit will measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" unfinished.)

Flying geese sub-units (make 16):

- Cut 4 squares from background fabric, each measuring 7 3/4" x 7 3/4"
- Cut 16 squares from red fabric, each measuring 3-7/8"

Mark a diagonal line across the wrong side of each red fabric square. Place two red squares on top of one background square; stitch 1/4-inch away from each side of drawn line as shown below. OPTIONAL: Instead of drawing the diagonal line and relying on your presser foot for accuracy, use APQS diagonal seam markers to mark the actual stitching lines on each side of the diagonal.
Cut unit apart along drawn center line. Press seams toward red triangles on each unit.

Add another red square as shown below to each unit. Sew again on each side of the drawn line. Cut the units apart on the drawn line.

Press toward the red fabric and trim dog ears. Repeat this process with the remaining background fabric and red fabric squares to make a total of 16 flying geese units.
Assemble the 4 star blocks.

\[ \text{Row 1} + \text{Row 2} + \text{Row 3} \]

**Step 3:** Assemble the table runner.

Quilt as desired. Bind with bias binding. For hints on handling the inside corners, turn to P. 6.

If you prefer to make a square table topper, see next page for optional instructions to create 4 additional corner blocks.
**OPTIONAL:** Make 4 additional 12-1/2” x 12-1/2” blocks to create a square table topper or quilt.

**CUT:**
- From red fabric, cut 6 squares measuring 6-7/8” x 6-7/8”
- From background fabric, cut 6 squares measuring 6-7/8” x 6-7/8”
- From background fabric, cut 4 squares measuring 6-1/2” x 6-1/2”

**Instructions:**

Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of each of the 6 background squares that are 6-7/8”. (OPTIONAL: Use APQS Diagonal Seam Marker to mark two sewing lines on those squares.)

Place background squares on top of red 6-7/8” squares, right sides together. Sew a ¼-inch seam on each side of the drawn line as shown. Cut apart on drawn line. Press seam toward red fabric.

Assemble blocks and quilt as shown below.
Inside Corner Binding Tips:

NOTE: I am using a 3/8-inch seam allowance to make a slightly wider binding; if you choose a different binding width, adjust accordingly.

1. Place a mark on the binding past the raw edge of the next side of the quilt using the same measurement as your seam allowance. Stitch up to that mark, and then leave the needle down.

2. Pivot the quilt and binding as shown. Pull the binding around the corner, keeping the needle in the fabric. Straighten the binding raw edge and align it with the next edge of the quilt. Continue stitching the binding to the quilt.
3. This creates a triangular “dog ear” fold on the inside seam allowance of the binding. Trim this fold out of the seam. This reduces bulk allowing you to fold the inside corner into a tidy mitered corner when you fold the corner and sew the binding down.