## Christmas Wreath

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Fabric needed:

Wreath: 1/8 yard Berries: 1/8 yard **Background:** 1/8 yard Border: 1/2 yard

**Binding:** Two 2-1/4" strips **Batting:** 15 inch square

**Cutting Instructions:** 

Wreath: Cut into 1" strips. Re-cut into:

four 1" squares

twelve 1" x 1 1/2" rectangles twelve 1" x 2" rectangles twelve 1" x 2 1/2" rectangles eight 1" x 3" rectangles

Berries: Cut one 1" x 10" strip. Re-cut into: eight 1" squares

four 11" x 7/8" strips (matting strip between picture and border)

Cut <u>one</u> 1 1/2" x 13" strip (bow)

Cut one 15" square (backing) Border:

Cut four 15" x 2 1/4" strips (border)

Binding: Cut two 2 1/4" x 44" strips

Background: Cut two 1" strips. Re-cut into:

six 1" squares

six 1" x 1 1/2" rectangles six 1"x 2" rectangles six 1" x 2 1/2" rectangles one 1" x 3" rectangle Cut two 8 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips

Cut two 10 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips

**Sewing Instructions:** Use an accurate 1/4" seam throughout and sew fabric with right sides together (unless specified otherwise).

- 1) Center Log Cabin Square (make 1 it's all background, so if you don't want the long cabin look, use a 3" background square): Press seams away from the center.
  - a) Sew one 1" **background** square to a 1" **background** square.
  - b) To one side of the 2 squares, sew 1" x 1 1/2" background rectangle.
  - c) Moving in a circle, sew a 1" x 1 1/2" **background** rectangle to the next side.
  - d) Continuing in the circle, sew 1" x 2" background rectangle.
  - e) Next, sew on a 1" x 2" rectangle.
  - f) Sew on a 1" x 2 1/2" rectangle.
  - g) Sew on another 1" x 2 1/2" rectangle.
  - h) Finally, sew on a 1" x 3" rectantle. The completed square should measure 3" square.
- 2) Corner Squares (make 4):
  - a) To one side of 1" **Berry** center square, sew 1" **Background** square.
  - b) To left side of both colors (berry on the bottom), sew 1" x 1 1/2" **Background** rectangle.
  - c) Sew 1" x 1 1/2" wreath rectangle to the bottom of the block.
  - d) Sew 1" x 2" wreath rectangle to the right side of the block.
  - e) Sew 1" x 2" **background** rectangle to the top of the block.
  - f) Sew 1" x 2 1/2" **background** rectangle to the left side of the block.
  - g) Sew 1" x 2 1/2" **wreath** rectangle to the bottom of the block.
  - h) Sew 1" x 3" wreath rectangle to the right side of the block

Completed corner squares should measure 3" square





## 3) Wreath squares (make 4):

- a) Sew 1" berry square to 1" wreath square.
- b) Sew 1" x 1 1/2" **wreath** rectangle to the right side of the block.
- c) Sew 1" x 1 1/2" **wreath** rectangle to the bottom of the block.
- d) Sew 1" x 2" wreath rectangle to the left side of the block.
- e) Sew 1" x 2" **wreath** rectangle to the top side of the block.
- f) Sew 1" x 2 1/2" **wreath** rectangle to the right side of the block.
- g) Sew 1" x 2 1/2" **wreath** rectangle to the bottom of the block.
- h) Sew 1" x 3" **wreath** rectangle to the left side of the block.

Wreath squares should measure 3" square



- 4) Sew the quilt block together in rows using the illustration below as a guide. Sew the rows together and press.
- 5) <u>Center</u> a 8 1/2" x 1 1/2" background strip and sew to one side of the wreath square. Repeat with the other 8 1/2" x 1 1/2" strip on the opposite side. Press to the border and trim to fit if necessary. On the other two sides, sew a 10-1/2" x 1-1/2" strip. Press to the border and trim to fit.
- 6) Mat strip border: Fold four 11" x 7/8" **berry** strips in half lengthwise, **wrong sides together**, and press. Sew to the four sides of the wreath square right sides together matching raw edges. Trim to fit square.
- 7) Center a 15" x 2 1/4" border strip to one side of the wreath square to within 1/4" of each end (so you can miter). Sew just inside the seam line used for the mat strip border. Repeat on other three sides of the wreath square with the other three 15" x 2 1/4" strips. Miter the four corners and press.
- 8) Put backing, batting and square together and quilt as desired. Add hanging loops or a sleeve to one edge (optional). Sew together the two 2 1/4" x 44" strips of binding, fold in half lengthwise and bind the quilt square.
- 9) With right sides together sew 13" x 1 1/2" bow strip together, sewing 1/2" from the <u>lengthwise fold</u>. Cut seam allowance to 3/16" and turn the resulting tube right side out. Tie into a bow and trim and hem the two ends. Tack bow to the wreath and you are finished! If you would like to use ribbon instead of fabric for your bow, that's great too!

