

Merry Christmas Mice - The Cheese Stands Alone!
by Debby Kratovil

All fabrics are from Northcott Monarch, The Night Before Christmas Collection

Quiltmaker: Debby Kratovil

Technique: Rotary Cutting

Skill Rating: 1 Thimble

Block Size: 6"

Number of Blocks in Quilt: 9

Quilt Size: 28" x 28"

Materials You Will Need...

4 fat quarters for the blocks: yellow "cheese", novelty mice, black and gold stars, red and gold stars

1 fat quarter light yellow for the inner border

1 fat quarter multicolor stripe for outer border

1/3 yard black for binding

32" square of quilt batting

Sewing and quilting thread

Basic sewing and cutting supplies

Getting Started

Step 1. Pre-wash and iron all fabrics. Press all seams as you sew. Use 1/4" seam allowances.

Step 2. Make a paper cutting template 4-3/4" square. Cut out the center for a window leaving 1/4" all around. Use this to cut out four mice from the novelty print. Note that the mice are oriented upright in the square on the diagonal. See Diagram 1.

Step 3. Cut four 4-1/2" and one 6-1/2" squares of the yellow and black cheese fabric. Cut eight 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" and eight 1-1/2" x 6-1/2" strips of the black and gold print. Also cut eight 3-7/8" squares of red print. Recut these into two triangles each for a total of sixteen triangles. These are for the mouse print square in a square blocks.

Step 4. Cut four 1-1/2" x 22" strips of light yellow, four 4" x 22" strips of the striped border, and four 4" squares of black and gold print for the border corners.

Sewing

Step 5. Join a mouse square and four red triangles to make a square in a square block. Press seams toward the red triangles. Make four of these blocks. See Diagram 2.

Step 6. Join a 4-1/2" yellow square and two each of the short and long black strips, sew as follows: stitch a short black strip to each of two opposing square sides. Press toward the black strips. Sew the two long strips to the remaining two sides. Press. Make four of these blocks. See Diagram 3. I refer to these as Log Cabin blocks.

Step 7. Join the four Log Cabin blocks, the four Square in a Square blocks, and the 6-1/2" square of yellow "cheese" fabric to make the quilt center. See the Assembly Diagram. Press seams well. Quilt center now measures 18-1/2" x 18-1/2". Measure your own quilt center and make any necessary adjustments for the following steps.

Step 8. Recut two of the light yellow 1-1/2" strips to 18-1/2" and sew to two quilt sides. Press seams toward the yellow strips. Recut the remaining two light yellow strips to 20-1/2" and sew to the last two sides. Press well. Quilt center now measures 20-1/2" x 20-1/2".

Step 9. Recut the four 4" stripe borders to 20-1/2" and sew two to quilt sides. Press seams toward this new border. Sew a black 4" square to each short end of the remaining two borders and sew to remaining two sides of quilt center. Press.

Quilting

Step 10. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing. Pin the layers together and quilt securely in place.

Binding

11. Bind outside edges of quilt by cutting 2-1/4" wide fabric strips. Fold in half lengthwise and press on fold line. Pin and sew raw edges of binding to raw edges of top and quilt. Turn folded edge to back of quilt and stitch in place.



Diagram 1



Diagram 2

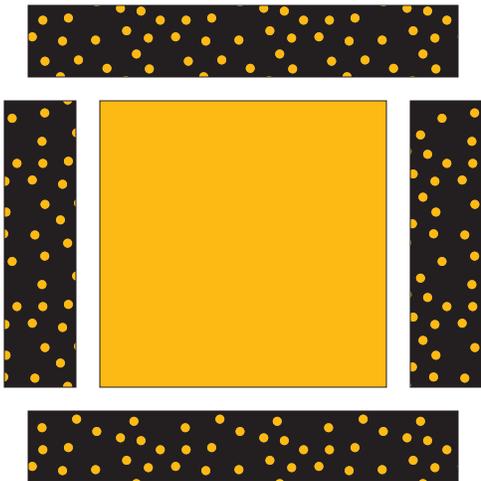


Diagram 3

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Quilt Assembly Diagram

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