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# **COUNTDOWN TO**Chriatmaa.



## **▲INGREDIENTS**

#### 6" Block

From white fabric, cut (4) 3" squares, (2) 1-5/8" x 22" strips From red print #1, cut (2) 3" squares, (2) 1-5/8" x 22" strips From red print #2, cut (2) 3" squares

### 12" Block

From white fabric, cut (4) 5" squares, (3) 2-3/4" x 22" strips From red print #1, cut (2) 5" squares, (3) 2-3/4" x 22" strips From red print #2, cut (2) 5" squares

### **▲ INSTRUCTIONS**

Sizes for the 6-1/2 inch block are in parenthesis.

For the HST Units:

Place the red and white 5-inch (3-inch) squares right sides together (RST).

Draw a diagonal line on each block.



Sew a SCANT ¼ inch on either side of the diagonal line.

Cut the squares apart on the diagonal line to make two HST units from each square set.

Trim to 4-1/2 inches (2-1/2 inches), and trim off dog ears.

Press open to the dark side for two units, to the light side for 2 units. This will allow the seams to nest.

Assemble the four blocks as shown to make two units, 4 HST's each. Set aside







For the strips:

Place a red and a white strip RST and sew along the 22 inch side to make a strip set Press open to the dark side to make three (two) strip sets 22 inches long by 5 inches (2-3/4 inches) high.



Cutting the 45 degree triangles:

IMPORTANT: for the 12-1/2 inch block, two strip sets will be cut with red on the top, one with white on the top. For the 6-1/2 inch block both strips can be the same way.

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Original Recipe can be found at www.modabakeshop.com

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If you are using the 12-1/2 inch square (6-1/2 inch square) ruler it is simply a matter of aligning the center diagonal line on the ruler with the top then bottom of the strip set and aligning the point of the last cut with the point on the ruler. You should have three (four) triangles from each strip set.

NOTE: If you are not using one of these square rulers no worries! You simply need a ruler with a 45 degree line. Scroll down to the bottom to see how to cut the triangle units using a standard 6 by 24 inch ruler. Gather the triangles in groups of four.

Add these triangles to the HST units, top and bottom first. Trim off those dog ears. Add remaining two units to the sides.



Square up to 12-1/2 (6-1/2) inches.

Cutting 45 º triangles with a standard ruler:

Mark the 45 degree line on your ruler. As above, place this line on the bottom of your strip set.



Make the cut and then flip the ruler over, right to left so you are looking at the back of the ruler.

With this method you always line up the 45 degree line with the BOTTOM of the strip set.

Again, make the cut and then flip the ruler back, left to right so you are looking at the correct side of the ruler, lining up the 45 degree line with the BOTTOM of the strip set.

Continue this process to the end of the strip set. A bit more work than the 12-1/2 (6-1/2) inch square ruler but the end result is the same!



This block finishes at 6" or 12" square.

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