Featuring Coats® Bold Hand Quilting Thread

Hurray for the red, white and blue—perfect for a summer picnic. Show off your true colors and protect your table at the same time with this hand-quilted runner.

Supplies
- **Coats & Clark® Bold Hand Quilting thread**, 5020 Aqua Marine
- **Coats & Clark® Button & Craft thread**, 4900 Navy
- **Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread**
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) red gingham
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) blue print
- ½ yd (57.15m) tone-on-tone white print (includes binding)
- ¼ yd (11.43cm) blue gingham
- ½ yd (45.72cm) backing fabric, 54” (137.16cm) wide*
- 6 star buttons (2 each: red, white and blue), 1” (2.54cm)
- Paper-back fusible web

*For narrower fabric, piece the backing to 18” x 48” (45.72cm x 121.92cm).
Cutting

From the red gingham, cut:
3 strips, 3½” x 36½” (8.89cm x 92.71cm)

From the blue print, cut:
2 strips, 5½” x 15½” (13.97cm x 39.37cm)

From the white tone-on-tone, cut:
2 strips, 3½” x 36½” (8.89cm x 92.71cm)
4 strips, 2½” x width of fabric (WOF) (6.35 x WOF), for binding

From the backing fabric, cut:
1 strip, 18” x 48” (45.72cm x 121.92cm)

Preparation

Star template on page 3.
Trace 6 stars onto the paper side of the fusible web. Following the manufacturer’s instructions, fuse to the wrong side of the blue gingham fabric. Cut out the shapes on the drawn lines.

Seam allowances are ¼” (.64cm)

Assemble the Runner Top

1. Alternately sew together the long edges of the 3½” (8.89cm) red and white strips. Press the seams toward the white strips.
2. Sew a blue print panel to each end of the striped panel. Press seams toward the end panels.
3. Place three stars on each blue end panel, at least ¾” (1.91cm) from each side and end edge. Fuse the stars in place.
4. With wrong sides together, layer the backing, batting and runner top. Pin the layers together.
5. Using **Coats & Clark® Bold Hand Quilting Thread**, sew big stitches on both edges of the white stripes about ¼” (.64cm) from the seamline. Sew through all layers.
6. Using **Coats & Clark® Button & Craft Thread**, sew big stitches around each star, about ¼” (.64cm) from the edge. Sew through all layers.
7. Baste the runner edges to the batting and backing. Trim the batting and backing to match the runner edges.

Finishing

1. Sew the binding strips end to end using diagonal seams. Press the seams open.
2. Press the binding in half with wrong sides together.
3. Bind the edges of the runner, mitering the corners. Turn the binding to the runner underside and hand-stitch in place.
4. Sew one red, one white and one blue button to each end of the runner at the gingham star centers.
This square should measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm) when printed.

*** Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100% ***