

TIED WITH A BOW

Note: This project is great for using orphan blocks. Adapt the sizes of background and accent pieces you add for your particular blocks and project.

1 ADDING RIBBON ACROSS BLOCK

If you do not wish to add ribbon wrapping around your block, skip this section.

Cut your block in half vertically and horizontally. **Tip:** Keep track of the 4 quadrants so you sew them back together in the same corner of the block they were cut from.

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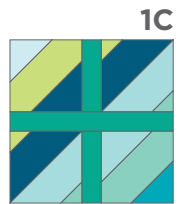
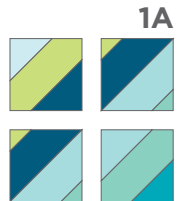
From your accent fabric, cut as many 1½" strips across the width of the fabric as needed for your project.

Measure 1 quadrant of your block and cut (2) 1½" rectangles that are the same length—our rectangles measure 1½" x 4¼" for the runner with 3 presents.

Sew 2 adjacent quadrants of the block to the long sides of an accent rectangle. Press towards the center. Repeat for the second pair of quadrants. **1B**

Measure the width of your block and cut a rectangle from the 1½" accent strip to that length—our rectangle measures 1½" x 9" for the runner with 3 presents.

Sew the 2 halves of the block to the long sides of the accent rectangle you just cut. Press towards the center. **1C**



2 ADDING THE BOW

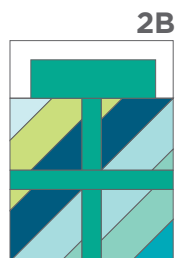
From the accent fabric, cut as many 5" strips across the width of the fabric as needed for your project. Subcut (1) 5" x 7" rectangle for each bow in your project.

From the background fabric, cut as many 3½" strips across the width of your fabric as needed for your project. Subcut (1) 3½" rectangle for each present that is the same width as your block—our runner with 3 presents needed (3) 3½" x 9" rectangles and the runner with the 2 Candy Lane presents needed (2) 3½" x 10" rectangles.

Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise, right sides facing. Sew on the 2 short ends, backstitching at the fold. **2A**

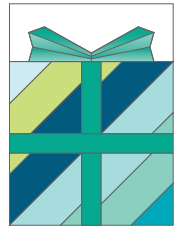
Turn the bow right side out and poke out the corners. Press. Fold in half and fingerpress to mark the center along the raw edge.

Place the bow on top of your block with the raw edge centered on the top edge of the block, right sides facing. Place a background rectangle on top of the bow, right side down. Pin the layers together. Sew together along the top matched edge. Press towards the top. **2B**

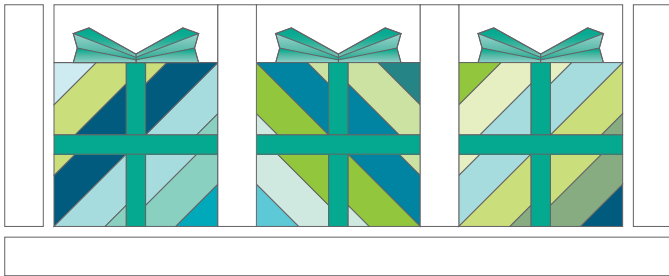


Pleat the bow a few times, then topstitch across the top of the pleated bow. Your block now has a bow! **2C**

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3 RUNNER A

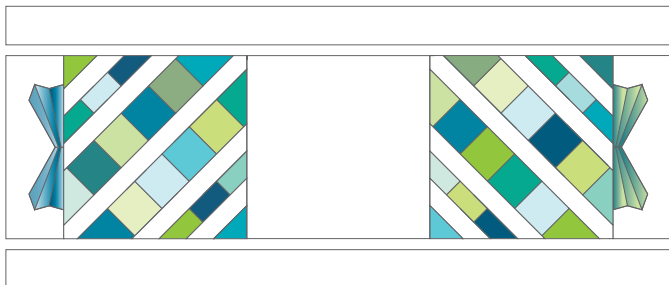


To create a project like our runner, you'll need 3 blocks that measure 9" x 12" (unfinished including the bow), (3) 2½" strips of background fabric, ¾ yard of backing fabric, and ¼ yard of binding fabric.

Cut (2) 2½" x 12" vertical sashing strips and sew the blocks together in a row with the sashing strips separating them. Press.

Measure the length of your row and cut 1 border to this length, approximately 30". Sew this to the bottom of your runner. Measure the height of your runner and cut 2 borders to this length, approximately 14". Sew these to the ends of your runner.

4 RUNNER B



To create a project like our runner, you'll need 2 blocks that measure 10" x 13" (unfinished including the bow), (2) 2½" background strips, (1) 10" background square, ¾ yard of backing fabric, and ¼ yard of binding fabric.

Sew the 10" background square to the bottom of the 2 blocks to form a row. Press. Measure the length of your row. Cut 2 border strips to this length, approximately 35½", and sew them to the 2 long edges of your project. Press.

5 QUILT & BIND

Layer the project with batting and backing, then quilt. **Tip:** Make sure you leave the 3D bows unquilted so they stay 3 dimensional. After quilting, square up your project and add binding to complete.