Deb Strain

Always and Forever

Table Runner

Size: 28½"x52"
Cutting:

**Panel**
Select one of the large images on the panel. Trim ¼" to the outside of the image.

**Outer Border**
Cut 4 – 4½" x WOF strips for outer border
Cut 1 – 9" x WOF strip
   Subcut 8 – 1¼" x 9" strips for string piecing
From remaining fabric cut 2" bias strips to equal 170" for binding.

**Muslin**
Cut 1 – 15⅜" x WOF strip
   Subcut 4 – 9" x 15⅜" strips for string piecing foundations

**3 Fat Quarters**
Dark Pink – Note: WOF is 18"
Cut 2 – 9" x WOF strips
   From first strip cut 9 – 1¼" x 9" strips for string piecing
   Use the second strip for Xs and Os

Pink and White Dot – Note: WOF is 18"
Cut 2 – 5½" x WOF strips
   Subcut 2 – 5½" x 14¾" strips for X/O background
Cut 1 – 9" x WOF strip
   Subcut 9 – 1¼" x 9" strips for string piecing
   Use the remainder of strip for 1X and 1O

Pink with Red Hearts – Note: WOF is 22"
Cut 4 – 2" x 22" strips for panel border
Cut 1 – 9" x WOF strip
   Subcut 9 – 1¼" x 9" strips for string piecing

**6 Fat Eighths**
From EACH fat eighth
Cut 12 – 1¼" x 9" strips for string piecing

**Construction**

**Center Panel**
1. Measure trimmed panel motif from top to bottom (approx. 19¾`). Cut 2 – 2" x 22" pink/red border strips to that measurement.
2. Add to opposite sides of panel motif. Press toward border.
3. Repeat Step 1 measuring across the panel unit including the pink border strip. Cut remaining 2 – 2" x 22" border strips to that measurement.
4. Add to top and bottom of panel motif.
5. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, find center of panel unit with added borders and trim to measure 16¼" x 21½" with seams.

**String Piecing – Make 4 units**
1. Align edges and pin 1 – 1¼" x 9" strip right side up at the end of a 9" x 15⅜" muslin strip.
   *See diagram.*

3. Repeat Step 2 with various strips (stitching, flipping and pressing) until the entire muslin background strip is covered. Press and trim to measure 8½" x 14¾". Make 4 string pieced units.

**Xs and Os – Make 6 of each**
1. Using the enclosed templates trace 6 Xs and 6 Os on the paper side of your favorite fusible web.
2. Follow product directions to fuse 5 Xs and 5 Os to the wrong side of 9" x 18" dark pink strip and 1 X and 1 O to the wrong side of the pink and white dot fabric.
3. Cut out fused letters.
Assemble Tablerunner

1. Stitch a 8½” x 14¾” string piece unit to opposite sides of a 5½” x 14¾” pink and white dot strip. Press toward strip pieced units. Make 2. Sections should measure 14¾” x 21½” with seams.

2. Position and fuse dark pink Xs and Os on center pink and white dot strip. Save the pink and white dot X and O until after the border is added.

3. Add completed strip pieced sections to opposite sides of center panel unit. Press toward panel border.

Table runner should measure 21½” x 44¾” with seams.

Outer Border

1. Join the 4 outer border strips together end to end. Press seams open.

2. Measure tablerunner from side to side. Cut 2 outer border strips to that measurement (approx. 44¾”). Add to top and bottom of tablerunner. Press toward outer border.

3. Measure tablerunner from top to bottom. Cut 2 remaining outer border strips that measurement. Stitch to sides of tablerunner. Press toward outer border.

4. Position and fuse remaining X and O to outer border. See image for placement.

Finishing

1. Using a bias seam join bias cut binding strips together end to end. Fold in half wrong sides together. Press.
2. Layer and quilt tablerunner, scallop border (template enclosed) and bind.

Happy Valentine’s Day!