

CHRISTMAS BALL ORNAMENT                  unfinished 12 ½ x 12 1/2

SUPPLIES:     4 assorted fabrics, cut to 2 ½ x 8 ½ for ball

                  1 piece, cut to 1 ½ x 2 ½ for top of ball

Background   1 piece 1 ½ x 2 ½

                  1 at 2 ½ x 8 ½

                  2 at 2 ½ x 3 ½

                  2 at 2 ½ x 12 ½

                  4 at 2 ½ x 2 ½ square

Lay out the 4 assorted strips the way you want them to appear in the block.

Using the 2 ½ inch squares, snowball the 2 ends of the top and bottom strips.

Sew the strips together to form a block 8 ½ x 8 ½ inches

Sew the 1 ½ inch strips together to make a block 2 ½ x 2 ½

Sew the 3 ½ inch pieces to each end of the above square.

Sew this piece to the top of the block with the background piece up and the coloured strip to the ball, and then sew the 2 ½ x 8 ½ inch background to the bottom

Sew a 2 ½ x 12 ½ strip to each end of the block to form a square 12 ½ x 12 ½ unfinished.

To snowball the strips

Make a line from one corner, diagonally to the other corner.

Lay block on top of strip, lining up edges and having the drawn line from the bottom corner to the top.

Sew along the line.

Repeat for the other side, making sure that the line is going the same way, from bottom corner, up.

Press well and then fold back the top of the square and cut off the bottom 2 layers, leaving a ¼ inch seam allowance.