moda LETTERS TO SANTA QAL

BONUS PROJECT:

HO HO HO BANNER

FINISH SIZE: 11" x 23"

Letters to Santa QAL Block Used, with slight modifications to be discussed:

(1) 'HO HO HO' block

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FABRIC NEEDED:

√₃ Yard - Background Fabric & Hanging Loops (Spotted in Garnet 1660 68)

(3) 1½" x WOF strips - Letters (Spotted in Amber 1660 65, Quotation Cream 1660 132, and Chill 1660 182)
*If using all same fabric, (1) F8 is needed.

½ Yard - Backing

Dowel rod for hanging



INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)

MAKE HANGING LOOPS:

Cut (2 or 3) 3"x6" rectangles for hanging loops.

- Press in half long-ways, with Right Sides Together.
 Stitch along the raw edges to form a tube.
- Turn right side out, and press flat.
- Top-stitch along both long sides for a finished look, and press so the raw edges meet to form a loop. Set aside.

INSTRUCTIONS

Use a scant 1/4" seam allowance throughout. Press all seams open.

CUT BACKGROUND SETTING PIECES:

Cut the following sizes for all of your setting pieces from the background fabric:

- (1) 61/2"x121/2" rectangle
- (2) 2"x17½" rectangles
- (1) 2" x 12½" rectangle
- (2) 1½"x9½" rectangles
- (3) 11/2"x51/2" rectangles

PREP BACKING:

Cut backing piece at least 13"x25".

MAKE 'HO HO HO' UNITS:

- Make (1) HO HO HO letter set following the Mini Alphabet Quilt by Primitive Gatherings lettering pattern.
- Unlike the main Letters to Santa quilt where 'HO HO HO' is treated as one block, here you will break it up into three individual units to stack vertically.
- Sew each 'HO' unit together with (1) 1½"x5½" rectangle in between the letters.
- Each HO unit will measure $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " when assembled.



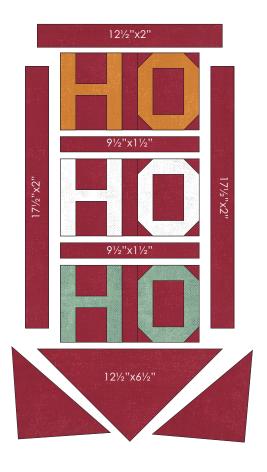


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ASSEMBLY

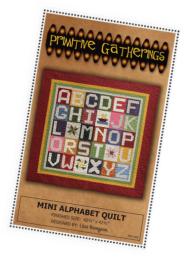
- Follow the assembly diagram to the right to join together the full banner top. Before you attach the 6½"x12½" rectangle at the bottom, trim off the corners at a 45 degree angle to form a point.
- Press seams open.
- Layer batting, backing (Right Side Up), and top (Right Side Down). Trim batting and backing down to match the edges of the top, and pin around all sides.
- DON'T FORGET! Before you stitch, make sure to slide in your hanging loops at the top. Insert between the backing and top layers, so that the raw edges are in line with the edges of the banner top and the folded loops are fully inside the 'banner sandwich.' Make sure to leave at least ½" between the sides and the loops so they don't get caught in your seam allowance.
- **Using a %" or ½" seam allowance**, stitch all the way around the banner, leaving an approx. 3" opening on one of the sides to turn right side out.
- Clip seam allowance at the point & corners to reduce bulk, then turn right side out. Press flat.
- Topstitch around edge of the banner to close opening, and quilt as desired.
- Hang using a piece of dowel rod or an old ruler through the loops, and enjoy!



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PATTERN INFO

The lettering for this QAL is from the pattern-for-purchase Mini Alphabet Quilt by Primitive Gatherings (PRI 442). You can find the pattern at your local quilt shop (or they can order it for you), and select retailers have the pattern as a PDF download.



And don't forget to check the Moda Inspiration & Resources Blog for updates on the Letters to Santa QAL! We will release new words and bonus projects on the 25th of every month through November 2022.

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