

Oh Happy Day Table Topper

Bring the sunshine with this cheerful, generously sized table topper! It's a great way to show off your favorite solids and blenders. I used the Moda Basics Bundle that I curated for November to create the center blocks and framed them with a couple of my favorite prints from Robin Pickens' Solana collection.

Finished size: 51" x 51"



Fabric Requirements

- 1 fat eighth each of 4 different shades of yellow solids
- 1 fat eighth each of 4 different shades of orange and pink solids
- 1 fat eighth each of 3 different shades of green solids
- 1 fat eighth each of 3 different shades of blue solids
- 1 ½ yards of background fabric
- ¼ yard of inner border fabric
- ½ yard of outer border fabric
- 3 yards of backing/binding fabric



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Cutting Instructions

From each fat eighth of yellow solids:

- Cut (15) $2\frac{5}{8}$ " squares **(A)** for a total of (60) squares

From each fat eighth of orange/pink solids:

- Cut (12) $2\frac{5}{8}$ " squares **(C)** for a total of (48)

From each fat eighth of green solids:

- Cut (15) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares **(B)** for a total of (45) squares

From each fat eighth of blue solids:

- Cut (12) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares **(D)** for a total of (36)

From background fabric:

- Cut (216) $2\frac{3}{8}$ " squares, and cut those squares in half on the diagonal, for a total of (432) triangles **(E)**
- Cut (324) 1" squares **(F)**
- Cut (6) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles **(sashing G)**
- Cut (2) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips **(sashing H)**
- Cut (4) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips **(sashing border I)**

From inner background fabric:

- Cut (5) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips

From outer background fabric:

- Cut (5) 4" x WOF strips



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Piecing Instructions

Make Economy Blocks:

1. Align long edge of 1 **(E)** triangle with the side of 1 yellow **(A)** square. Stitch and press out.
2. Align long edge of 1 **(E)** triangle with the opposite side of your yellow **(A)** square. Stitch and press out.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the remaining 2 sides. Trim block to 3 ½".
4. Repeat for all yellow **(A)** squares for a total of 60 **(A)** economy blocks. [15 blocks in each color]
5. Repeat steps 1-4 for all orange/pink **(C)** squares for a total of 48 **(C)** economy blocks. [12 blocks in each color]

TIP: Chain-piecing steps 1-3 makes quick work of these economy blocks!

Make Snowball Blocks:

1. Place 1 background 1" square **(F)** in the top right corner of 1 green **(B)** square (right side up).
2. Stitch from the top left corner to the bottom right corner of the **(F)** square. (These squares are small enough that you can eyeball it without having to take the time to mark a guideline on 324 tiny 1" squares!)
3. Trim ¼" from the seam. (Again, these are small enough that you can just snip them with your scissors—no need to bother with a ruler and rotary cutter.) Press out.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 for the remaining 3 corners. Trim block to 2 ½".
5. Repeat for all green **(B)** squares for a total of 45 **(B)** snowball blocks. [15 blocks in each color]
6. Repeat steps 1-4 for all blue **(D)** squares for a total of 36 **(D)** snowball blocks. [12 blocks in each color]

TIP: Chain-piecing steps 1-4 makes quick work of these economy blocks!



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Assemble A/B Blocks:

1. For each **A/B** block, you'll need 3 **(A)** economy blocks in each yellow color [12 **(A)** economy blocks total] and 3 **(B)** snowball blocks in each green color [9 **(B)** snowball blocks total].
2. Lay out each block first to determine color placement.
3. Sew **(B)** snowball blocks into three rows of 3 blocks for 1 center **(B)** unit. Press seams open.
4. Sew **(A)** economy blocks into two rows of 4 blocks and two rows of 2 blocks. Press seams open.
5. Sew one row of 2 **(A)** economy blocks on the left side of your center **(B)** unit. Press seams open. Sew the remaining row of 2 **(A)** economy blocks on the right side of your center **(B)** unit. Press seams open.
6. Sew one row of 4 **(A)** economy blocks to the top of your **A/B** unit. Press seams open. Sew the remaining row of 4 **(A)** economy blocks to the bottom of your **A/B** unit. Press seams open.
7. Repeat steps 1-6 to assemble a total of 5 **A/B** blocks.

Assemble C/D Blocks:

1. Repeat steps 1-7 above, using 3 **(C)** economy blocks in each orange/pink color [12 **(C)** economy blocks total] and 3 **(D)** snowball blocks in each green color [9 **(D)** snowball blocks total] for each **C/D** block, for a total of 4 **C/D** blocks.

Assemble Top and Add Sashing Border:

1. Sew **A/B** and **C/D** blocks into three rows of 3. Press toward sashings.
 - a. Row 1 = **A/B, sashing G, C/D, sashing G, A/B**
 - b. Row 2 = **C/D, sashing G, A/B, sashing G, C/D**
 - c. Row 3 = **A/B, sashing G, C/D, sashing G, A/B**
2. Measure rows. (They should be 12 ½" x 38 ½".) Trim **sashing H** strips to the length of your rows. Sew rows together with **sashing H** between rows 1 & 2 and rows 2 & 3. Press towards sashings.
3. Measure quilt center. (It should be 38 ½" x 38 ½".) Trim 2 **sashing border I** strips to the height of your quilt center and sew them left and right sides of your quilt center. Press out.



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4. Measure your quilt center again. (It should be $38 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $40 \frac{1}{2}$ ".) Trim remaining 2 **sashing border** I strips to the width of your quilt center and sew them to the top and bottom of your quilt center. Press out.

Add Inner and Outer Borders:

1. Sew $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF **inner border** strips together end to end to create one long strip.
2. With right sides facing, sew **inner border** to the left and right sides of your quilt top. Allow about $\frac{1}{4}$ " overhang at the start and then just use your fabric shears to snip the border strip about $\frac{1}{2}$ " below the bottom edge of each side. Press left/right side borders out and trim to match the length of your quilt top.
3. Repeat step 2 to sew the top and bottom **inner borders** to your quilt top. Press borders out.

(Alternatively, you can just measure each side and trim the inner border strips to length before sewing them on, but honestly, I find that it's just as easy and much quicker to sew & snip as I go. There's enough length that you don't have to worry about not having enough fabric to go around.)

4. Sew 4" x WOF **outer border** strips together end to end to create one long strip.
5. Repeat steps 2-3 above to sew the **outer border** to your quilt top, left/right side borders first. (Or measure each side and trim strips to length before sewing.) Press borders out.

Finishing:

1. Make a quilt sandwich, baste, quilt, and bind as desired.
2. If you want to use the same fabric for the backing and the binding, as I did, start by folding your backing fabric in half lengthwise and cutting at the fold to yield (2) 54" x WOF pieces.
3. Right sides together, sew backing pieces along the selvedge edge to create a backing that's approximately 54" x 80".
4. When making your quilt sandwich, leave about 2" of excess backing and batting around the top and left/right sides of your quilt top, so most of the excess backing is at the bottom. It'll be about 25" x 54" of excess backing fabric.
5. Trim off that excess backing fabric and use it to cut your binding strips. I was able to make enough binding to use on this project and probably another lap-sized or larger quilt.