

Spun Gold



This charming 30" x 30" table topper can be made in an afternoon! All strips are cut to the width of the fabric.

You will need:

- (2) 2-1/2" wide strips of gold fabric
- (2) 2-1/2" wide strips of red fabric
- (2) 12" x 12" squares of red and gold fabric
- 1/2 yard border fabric, cut into (4) 4" wide strips
- Best Press or other spray starch

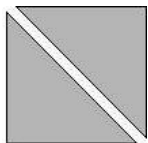
Start by sewing the gold strips to the red strips using a 1/4" seam. Press the seam open. Use lots of spray starch on this seam and on the strips as you will be cutting them on the bias next.

Using a 45 degree triangle ruler like the Cozy Strip cut, a Wonder Cut ruler or the 45 degree line on your ruler, cut triangles as shown below.



Be sure to match the center seam with the same line on your ruler when cutting on both sides. It's this seam that must match up when you sew your triangles into blocks. You will probably be able to cut (8) triangles from each strip set.

Sew two triangles together matching center colors, then sew the center seam. Press this seam open, or twirl it, to reduce bulk. Make four blocks. Sew the four blocks together with the yellow side in the center, as shown in the diagram above. Press.



Cut the two 12" x 12" red and gold fabric squares on the diagonal. Sew the long side of the triangle to alternate sides of the center square you just made. Press to the triangle. Repeat with the other two sides.

The corner triangles were cut *slightly* too large. This gives you a little extra fabric so you can now square up your center top. Measure your quilt through the center in both directions. It should be about 23" but use your own measurement when squaring up the quilt top. Be careful not to cut off the 1/4" seam allowance at the tip of each triangle!

Cut two 4" wide border strips to this same measurement. Matching the center of the strip with the center of the quilt top, sew to both sides. Forcing a quilt top to match two identically cut borders will force it to remain square. Press to the border.

Measure through the center again, including the new border and cut two strips to this length. Sew to the remaining two sides and - you are done! Now, bat, back, quilt and enjoy!