

Holiday Sparkle Balls

A Guild Block Exchange at our December 14th, 2016 Meeting

We need at least 20 participants for this to succeed so please plan to join the fun
Here's how it works:

Make 20 Holiday Ball Blocks. Put 19 blocks in a zip lock bag with your name on the bag and bring to the December 14th meeting. Turn in the bag **AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE**. Save 1 of the 20 blocks for your quilt. At the end of the meeting you will receive your bag back with 19 different holiday ball blocks.

Holiday Sparkle Ball Construction

- * Use scant 1/4 " seams (scant just means 1-2 thread widths shy of 1/4")
- * Please trim threads and press as you go
- * Make your 20 balls all the same or all different, whatever you want to do to use up your stash!
- * Balls : Please use 3 different Christmas colors and/or Christmas prints
- * Background: Please use white or white on white
- * Ball Hanger: Please use grey or silver

For each ball cut these strips:

- * 2 @ 2 1/2" X 7" (Color #1 top & bottom of ball)
- * 2 @ 1 1/2" X 7" (Color # 2 center top & center bottom of ball)
- * 1 @ 1" X 7" (Color # 3 narrow center strip)

For background cut:

- * 4 @ 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" (corners of snowballs)
- * 2 @ 1 1/2" X 3 1/2" (top of ball)

For hanger cut:

- * 1 @ 1" X 1 1/2" (hanger)

Sew 5 ball strips together to make a 7" X 7" unit

Sew 4 corners to make a snowball shape using the 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" background squares

Sew hanger to center of the 2 background pieces that are 1" X 3 1/2". This makes a strip a bit longer than the ball so when you center the hanger you have a bit of "wiggle" room. Sew hanger unit to top of snowball, trim if necessary to make a block 7" X 8" and you will have a Holiday Sparkle Ball

