FAST FUSIBLE PATCHWORK BOW

in Hydrangeas In The Garden

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for Riley Blake DESIGNS

precut *friendly*

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Finished size: approximately 14½" × 17"

REQUIRED

- (2) Quiltsmart 1½" Grid Fusible Interfacing panels
- (1) pack of precut 5" squares
  OR (42) 5" × 5" squares for **patchwork**
- 6" × WOF coordinating fabric for **ribbon tail backing** and **center tie**

RECOMMENDED

- Parchment Paper
- Clover Wonder Clips
- Clover Point 2 Point Turner

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Note

Please read through all instructions before beginning project.

RST = Right Sides Together

Cut Fabric

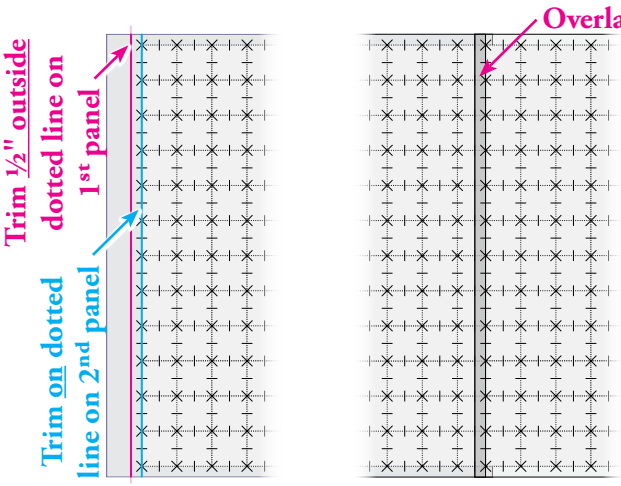
From **5" squares**, subcut a ***total*** of:
- (260) 1½" × 1½" for **patchwork**

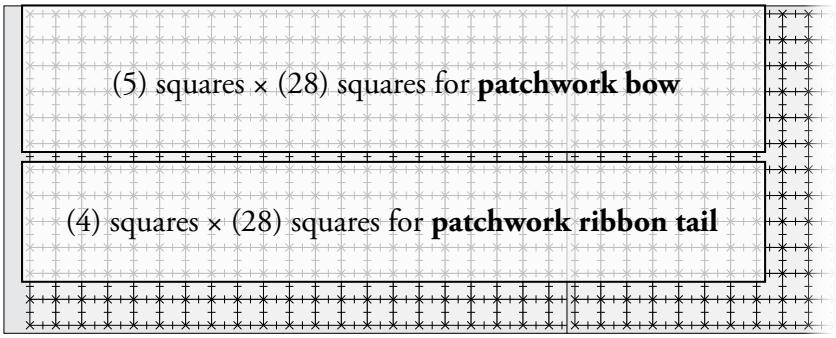
From **coordinating fabric**, cut:
- (1) 4½" × 29" for **ribbon tail backing**
- (1) 4½" × 12" for **center tie**

Make Patchwork Panels

Refer to diagrams *(below)*. Trim (1) short end of a fusible grid interfacing panel to ½" ***outside*** the dotted line. Trim ***on*** the dotted line of (1) short end of a second fusible grid interfacing panel. Place panels, fusible side ***down***, on ironing board, overlapping the ½" allowance and aligning the short end dotted lines of both panels. Using parchment paper to protect your ironing board, carefully fuse panels together to create (1) panel with a grid of (12) squares × (42) squares.

Trim interfacing unit, leaving at least ½" outside a grid of (5) squares × (28) squares for the patchwork bow. From remaining fused interfacing, trim a second panel for the patchwork ribbon tail, leaving at least ½" outside a grid of (4) squares × (28) squares.





Place panels, fusible side ***up***, on ironing board.

Arrange **patchwork** squares, right side up, on interfacing panels. Distribute fabrics as desired, centering fabric squares on the grid squares.

Using parchment paper to protect your iron, carefully fuse all pieces in place, lifting iron up and setting it down in a new position each time. ***Do not drag iron across the laid-out fabric.*** With all fabric fused in place, trim excess interfacing.

IMPORTANT: The dotted line on interfacing panel is the fold line. When you fold each row, make sure the dots are running right along the fold.

Fold the first row, RST, toward the second row. Sew rows together with a ¼" seam allowance, **using the dotted line** (not the raw edge of fabric squares) for reference. Continue for all rows.

Carefully clip interfacing between fabric squares up to seam line. Press the seams of odd rows in one direction and the seams of even rows in the opposite direction *(this will allow for nested seams)*.

Fold the first column, RST, toward the second column. Sew columns together with a ¼" seam allowance, **using the dotted line** (not the raw edge of fabric squares) for reference. Continue for all columns. Press to one side.

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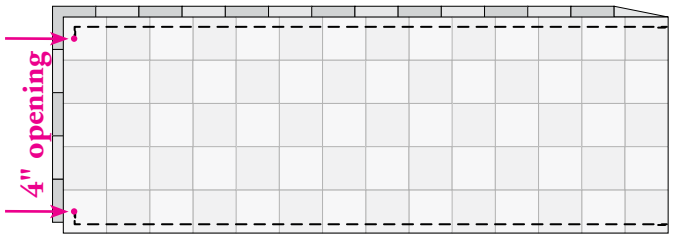
Make Dimensional Bow

Fold patchwork bow panel in half lengthwise, RST, matching short edges.

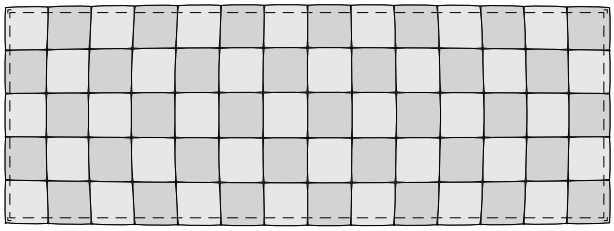
Sew long sides using a ¼" seam allowance, leaving about 4" open along short edge for turning. Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end to reinforce stitches.



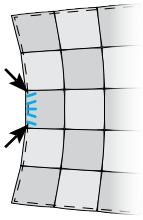
Clip corners and turn right side out through opening.

Lightly fill bow with a small amount of fiberfill to give it dimension, being careful not to overstuff.

Turn under seam allowance of opening ¼", press, and secure with Wonder Clips. Topstitch ⅛" from edge around all sides.



To shape the bow, pinch a small tuck at the center of each short edge and tack in place on the back to secure.

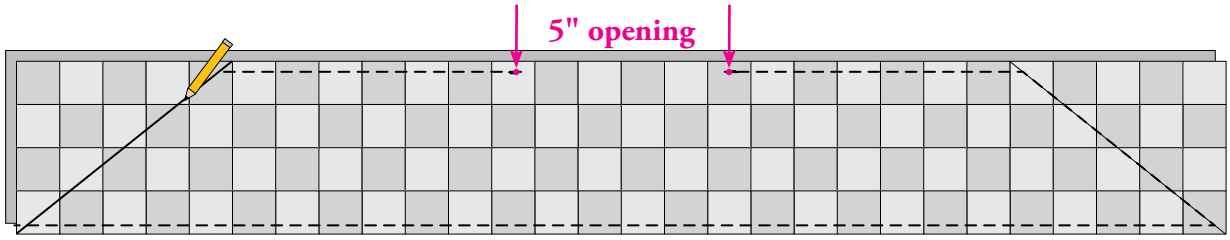


Make Ribbon Tail

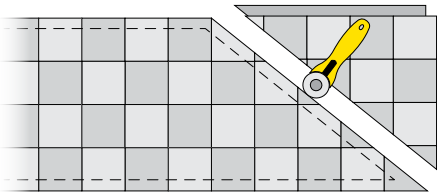
Refer to diagram *(below)* to mark diagonal lines on wrong side of patchwork ribbon tail panel across the first (5) rows at each short end of panel.

Place patchwork panel and **ribbon tail backing** RST, aligning all edges. Pin or clip to secure.

Using a ¼" seam allowance, sew around all sides, stitching along marked lines at each short end, and leaving about 5" open along the center of one long edge for turning. Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end to reinforce stitches.



Trim ¼" seam allowance from diagonal lines at each short end. Clip corners and turn right side out through opening. Use a point turner, such as the Clover Point 2 Point Turner, to gently push out corners.



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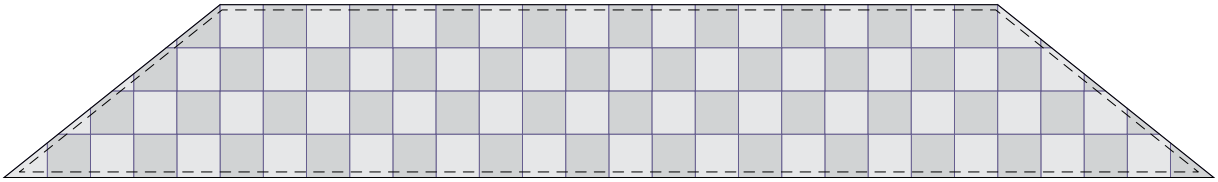
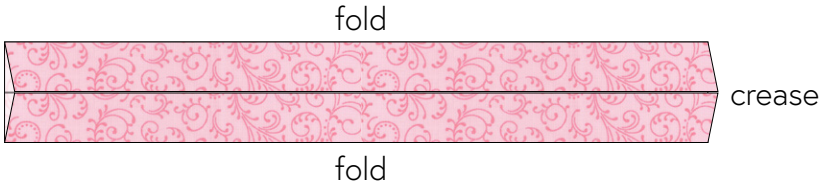
Topstitch ⅛" from edge around all sides.



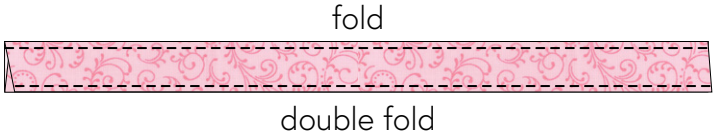
Make Center Tie

Fold **center tie** lengthwise, wrong sides together, matching long edges. Press to crease.

Unfold the strip. Fold the long edges to the center crease and press.



Fold in half again along the crease and press well. Topstitch ⅛" from the edge along both long sides.



Final Assembly

Find centers of bow and ribbon tail.

Position ribbon tail below the bow, matching centers and allowing the top edge of the tail to slightly overlap the lower edge of the bow. Pinch and gather pieces together at the center to form the bow shape.

Wrap center tie around the gathered centers. Overlap ends of center tie on the back and pin or clip in place.

Adjust bow and tails as needed, then hand stitch or hot glue center tie to secure.

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