Chicken Scratch

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Skill Level: Intermediate

 Finished Runner Size: 62” x 26”
 Finished Place Mat Size: 17 ¾” x 13”

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Fabrics in the Chicken Scratch Collection

- 24” Placemat Panel - Black 9296P-99
- Chicken Wire - Ivory 9299-41
- Chicken Wire - Black 9299-99
- Tossed Chickens on Chicken Wire Ivory – 9297-41
- Tossed Chickens on Chicken Wire Black – 9297-99
- Feather Texture - Brown 9298-39
- Feather Texture - Black 9298-99
- Tossed Eggs - Charcoal 9300-95
- Chicken with Barn Scene Gray – 9301-90
- Stripe - Gray 9303-90
- Chickens in Blocks - Black 9302-99
- Wood Panel - Tan 9304-35
- Chicken Feed - Tan 9305-35
- Wood Panel - Gray 9304-90
- Eclipse - Red 3955-Red

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Select Fabrics from the Eclipse Collection
Runner Cutting Instructions
Please note: all strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage edge unless otherwise noted.

From the Chickens in Blocks - Black (A), fussy cut:
• (3) 5 ½” blocks.

From the Chicken Wire - Black (B), cut:
• (1) 1 ½” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (6) 1 ½” x 5 ½” strips.
• (2) 1 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (6) 1 ½” x 7 ½” strips.
• (5) 2 ½” x WOF strips for the binding.

From the Wood Panel - Gray (C), cut:
• (2) 3 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (24) 3 ½” squares.

From the Chicken Feed - Tan (D), cut:
• (2) 3 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (12) 3 ½” x 6 ½” strips.
• (3) 3 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (28) 3 ½” squares.

From the Feather Texture - Black (E), cut:
• (1) 3 ⅞” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (6) 3 ⅞” squares.

From the Eclipse - Red (F), cut:
• (1) 3 ⅞” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (6) 3 ⅞” squares.
• (3) 1 ½” x WOF strips. Sew the strips together end to end with diagonal seams and cut (2) 1 ½” x 56 ¼” strips.
• (1) 1 ½” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 1 ½” x 18 ½” strips.

From the Tossed Eggs - Charcoal (G), cut:
• (2) 3 ⅞” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (12) 3 ⅞” squares.

From the Chicken Wire - Ivory (H), cut:
• (2) 3 ⅞” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (12) 3 ⅞” squares.
• (2) 3 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (12) 3 ½” x 6 ½” strips.
• (1) 3 ½” x WOF strip. Sub-cut (12) 3 ½” squares.

From the Stripe - Gray (I), fussy cut:
• (2) 3 ¼” x 56 ½” Length of Fabric (LOF) strips.
• (2) 3 ¼” x 20 ½” LOF strips.

From the Tossed Chickens on Chicken Wire - Ivory (Backing), cut:
• (1) 34” x 70” strip for the back.

Runner Sewing Instructions
1. Sew (1) 1 ½” x 5 ½” Fabric B strip to each side of (1) 5 ½” Fabric A block. Sew (1) 1 ½” x 7 ½” Fabric B strip to the top and to the bottom of the Fabric A block. Trim the block to measure 6 ½” square to make (1) Unit 1 block (Fig. 1). Repeat to make (3) Unit 1 blocks total.

2. Place (1) 3 ⅞” Fabric G square on top of (1) 3 ⅞” Fabric H square, right sides together. Draw a line across the diagonal of the top square (Fig. 2). Sew ¼” away from each side of the drawn diagonal line (Fig. 2). Cut the (2) squares apart on the drawn diagonal line (Fig. 3) to make (2) half-square triangles. Trim the blocks to measure 3 ½” square to make (2) Unit 2 blocks (Fig. 4). Repeat to make (24) Unit 2 blocks total.

3. Repeat Step 2 using (6) 3 ⅞” Fabric E squares and (6) 3 ⅞” Fabric F squares to make (12) 3 ½” Unit 3 blocks (Fig. 5).

4. Sew (1) 3 ¼” Fabric H square to the left side of (1) Unit 2 block. Sew (1) Unit 2 block to the left side of (1) Unit 3 block. Sew the (2) strips together to make (1) Unit 4 block (Fig. 6). Repeat to make (12) Unit 4 blocks total. Pay attention to the orientation of the blocks.
5. Place (1) 3 ½” Fabric D square on the left side of (1) 3 ½” x 6 ½” Fabric H strip, right sides together (Fig. 7). Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper right corner to the lower left corner (Fig. 7). Flip open the triangle formed and press (Fig. 8). Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a ¼” seam allowance.

6. Place another 3 ½” Fabric D square on the right side of the 3 ½” x 6 ½” Fabric H strip, right sides together (Fig. 9). Sew across the diagonal of the square from the upper left corner to the lower right corner (Fig. 9). Flip open the triangle formed and press. Trim away the excess fabric from behind the triangle, leaving a ¼” seam allowance to make (1) Unit 5 strip (Fig. 10).

7. Repeat Steps 5-6 to make (12) Unit 5 strips total.

8. Repeat Steps 5-6 and use Figures 11-14 for fabric identification, location and seam direction to make (12) Unit 6 strips.

9. Sew (1) Unit 6 strip to the top of (1) Unit 5 strip lengthwise to make (1) Unit 7 block (Fig. 15). Repeat to make (12) Unit 7 blocks.

10. Sew (1) Unit 4 block to each side of (1) Unit 7 block to make the top row. Repeat to make the bottom row. Sew (1) Unit 7 block to each side of (1) Unit 1 block to make the middle row. Sew the (3) rows together to make (1) Block One square (Fig. 16). Repeat to make (3) Block One squares total. Pay attention to the orientation of the Units and rows.
Runner Top Assembly
(Refer to Figure 17 while assembling.)
11. Sew together (3) Block One squares to make the Center Block. (Note that the middle block is turned 180°.)

12. Sew (1) 1 ½” x 18 ½” Fabric F strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) 1 ½” x 56 ½” Fabric F strip to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block.

13. Sew (1) 3 ½” x 20 ½” Fabric I strip to each side of the Center Block. Sew (1) 3 ½” Fabric D square to each end of (1) 3 ½” x 56 ½” Fabric I strip. Repeat to make a second strip. Sew the strips to the top and to the bottom of the Center Block to make the runner top.

14. Layer and quilt as desired.

15. Sew the (5) 2 ½” x WOF Fabric B strips together, end to end with 45-degree seams, to make the binding. Fold this long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.

16. Bind as desired.

Fig. 17
Place Mat Materials (makes 4)
1 panel  Placemat Panel - Black (A)  9296P-99
¾ yard  Eclipse - Red (B)  3955-Red*
1 ½ yards  Tossed Eggs - Charcoal (Backing)  9300-95

*Includes binding

Place Mat Cutting Instructions
Please note: all strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage edge unless otherwise noted.

From the Placemat Panel - Black (A), fussy cut:
• (4) 11 ½” x 18 ¼” blocks.

From the Eclipse - Red (B), cut:
• (4) 1 ½” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (8) 1 ½” x 18 ¼” strips.
• (8) 2 ½” x WOF strips for the bindings.

From the Tossed Eggs - Charcoal (Backing), cut:
• (2) 22” x WOF strips. Sub-cut (4) 22” x 17” strips for the backs

Place Mat Top Assembly
(Refer to Figure 18 while assembling.)
27.  Sew (1) 1 ½” x 18 ¼” Fabric B strip to the top and to the bottom of (1) 18 ¼” x 11 ½” Fabric A block to make (1) place mat top. Repeat to make (4) place mat tops total.

28.  Layer and quilt as desired.

29.  Sew the (8) 2 ½” x WOF Fabric B strips together, end to end with 45-degree seams, to make the binding. Fold this long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press. Divide the long strip into (4) equal lengths.

30.  Bind as desired.