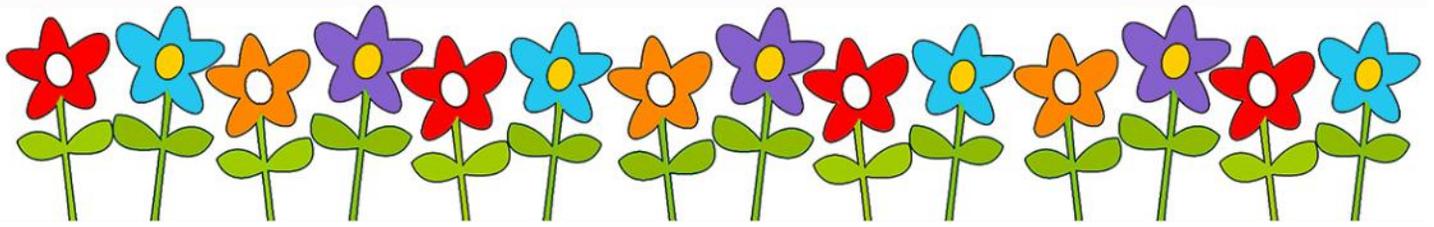


# ERIK the CHRISTMAS GNOME

Snack Mat Pattern  
Approx. size 10 1/2in x 14 1/2in



## The Red Boot Quilt Company



## **PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU PRINT YOUR PATTERN**

Hi lovely quilters and crafters,

A few of you are having problems with the templates and/or images in our PDF patterns printing with a black background. Thankfully this is uncommon and is caused by the differences between the various apps, devices, and printers we all use.

All of our patterns are test printed multiple times by a group of reviewers before release. If we find an issue we correct it immediately and update the pattern concerned.

We've found, after an extensive review of the problem, that it happens mostly on Apple devices, especially if you are printing from 'preview' or your browser window.

Regardless of what device you use, 99.9% of black background issues are solved by the following –

1. **Always** save the PDF file to your hard drive.
2. **Always** open the file using a **PDF reader** (eg. Adobe or Foxit) **not** your browser.
3. **Always** print from the PDF reader. **Never** print from your browser window.
4. **Always** print a template test page - use the draft print options to save printer ink if something goes wrong.
5. Printing in **black & white** instead of colour sometimes resolves the problem.

Happy sewing! toni xx  
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## **ONE-INCH GUIDE**

- ♦ Measure to ensure the pattern templates print to scale.
- ♦ Ensure your printer is set to 'no scaling' or 'print at 100%' in the print options menu.
- ♦ Look for the option in the print menu that says 'Auto-Centre' and tick this box. This will centre your pattern and will fix any unnecessary cropping of text and templates.



NB. The instructions and information contained here are given in good faith, but no guarantee is given due to the fact we have no control over your computer, device, and/or printer. We are not liable for the ink used when printing our patterns.



## **BEFORE THE FUN BEGINS**

- ◆ Please read all instructions before you begin.
- ◆ Abbreviations. "WOF" = 'width of the fabric'.
- ◆ **Requirements are based on fabric 115cm (44in) wide unless otherwise stated. Fabric requirements may differ from person to person due to cutting methods. If in doubt it is a good idea to purchase a little extra fabric.**
- ◆ Fusible webbing requirements will vary greatly between products and projects; assume you will need a lot and go from there!
- ◆ 1/4in seam allowances are used throughout unless otherwise stated.
- ◆ Pre-washed 100% cotton fabrics are recommended.
- ◆ Please refer to the photo of the project and the quilt diagrams to help with colour choices and layout.
- ◆ **The templates are reversed for your convenience. I would recommend using an appliqué mat with all but the most simple appliqué shapes.**
- ◆ Our patterns are proof-read and made by our lovely testers but sometimes mistakes do slip by us. Please let us know if you come across an error so we can correct it.
- ◆ This design and its instructions, diagrams, and templates are protected by copyright. They may not be reproduced by any process. The instructions and information contained in this pattern are given in good faith, but no guarantee is given due to the fact we have no control over the techniques and materials used. This pattern is not intended to replace a class.

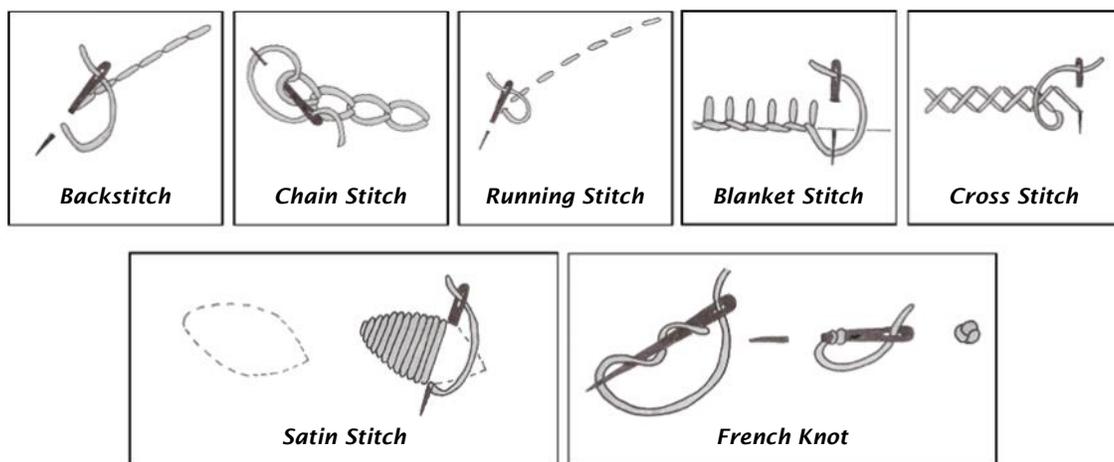
## **A NOTE ABOUT BUTTONS**

- ◆ I like to use buttons on my projects but they aren't suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard. Replace buttons with appliqué or embroidery when you are making the project.
- ◆ Safety eyes are available from all good craft stores. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

## **IMPORTANT! HOW TO PRINT TEMPLATES FROM PDF PATTERNS**

- ◆ All templates are provided at their full size. Ensure your printer is set to print at 100% and deselect the scaling and cropping options. Ensure you deselect the option that says "print to printer margins". Do centre the page.
- ◆ Some templates may be divided into two or more sections and will need to be joined to make the complete template. Simply match the shapes along the dashed or dotted lines as marked on the template, then use adhesive tape to stick them together. Occasionally a shape will distort a tiny bit in the printing process, simply adjust where necessary.

## **STITCH GUIDE**



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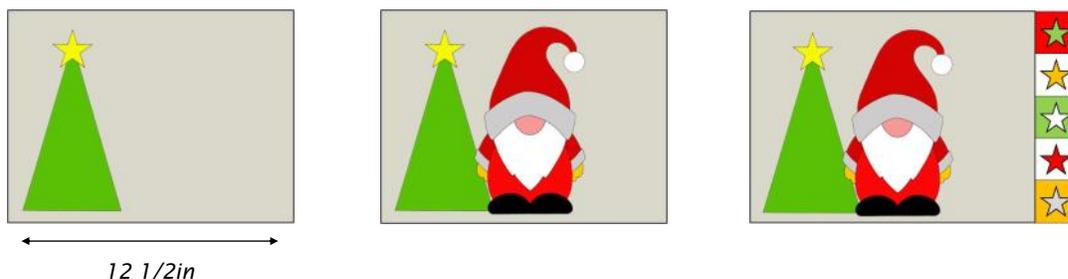
## What You Will Need

- ◆ (1) 10 1/2in x 12 1/2in piece of fabric for the main background.
- ◆ (1) 11 1/2in x 15 1/2in piece of fabric for the backing.
- ◆ (1) 11 1/2in x 15 1/2in piece of wadding (batting).
- ◆ 15cm (1/4 yard) of red & white stripe fabric for the binding.  
~ Cut (2) strips, 2 1/4in x WOF from this fabric.
- ◆ (5) 2 1/2in squares of fabric for the border—(2) white, (1) red, (1) green, and (1) yellow.
- ◆ Scraps of yellow, green, red, pink, white, grey, and black fabric for the applique.
- ◆ (6) white buttons for the Christmas tree (optional).
- ◆ Quantity of lightweight fusible webbing.
- ◆ Matching thread to suit your favourite applique stitching method.
- ◆ Applique mat or Teflon sheet (optional, but highly recommended).
- ◆ General sewing supplies.

## How to Make the Project

1. Use a pencil to trace the required appliqué shapes onto the paper side of the fusible webbing—leave approx. 1/2in between each shape. When you have finished tracing, roughly cut out the individual shapes 1/4in outside the traced lines.
2. Fuse the appliqué shapes to the wrong side of the fabrics you have chosen for the project following the manufacturer's instructions. Cut the shapes out carefully on the lines when cool to the touch. Remove the backing paper from the appliqué shapes as you need them.
3. Use the templates and the colour photograph as a guide to fuse the appliqué to the 10 1/2in x 12 1/2in piece of background fabric. The tree is fused first and sits approx. 1/2in above the raw edge of the background fabric. Fuse the gnome next, he overlaps the tree and sits approx. 1/4in above the raw edge of the background fabric. Centre and fuse a small star to each of the (5) 2 1/2in squares.
4. Stitch around the appliqué shapes using your favourite method. I stitched around my shapes using machine blanket stitch and matching thread.
5. Use the photograph and Diagram 1 as a guide to sew the (5) 2 1/2in 'star squares' together end to end to make a long strip. Pin and then sew it to the right-hand side of the snack mat. Press the seams inwards.

### Diagram 1 ▶



6. Press the snack mat well. Layer the backing, wadding (batting) and snack mat top, then baste them together using your favourite method. Start quilting from the centre and work your way out to the edges. Trim the excess backing fabric and wadding from the edges.
7. Optional: Use the photograph as a guide to sew the (6) white buttons to the Christmas tree using strong thread. Knot securely.
8. Sew the (2) 2 1/4in red & white stripe binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Trim the seams to 1/4in and press them open. Fold the binding strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides facing, and press well.

*Use your favourite method to sew the binding to the snack mat, then label and date to finish.*

### *A Note About Buttons*

*I like to use buttons on my projects but they aren't suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard.*

*Buttons can also make your cup/plate wobble a bit if you put it down in the wrong place. Substitute the buttons with applique or embroidery if you prefer.*



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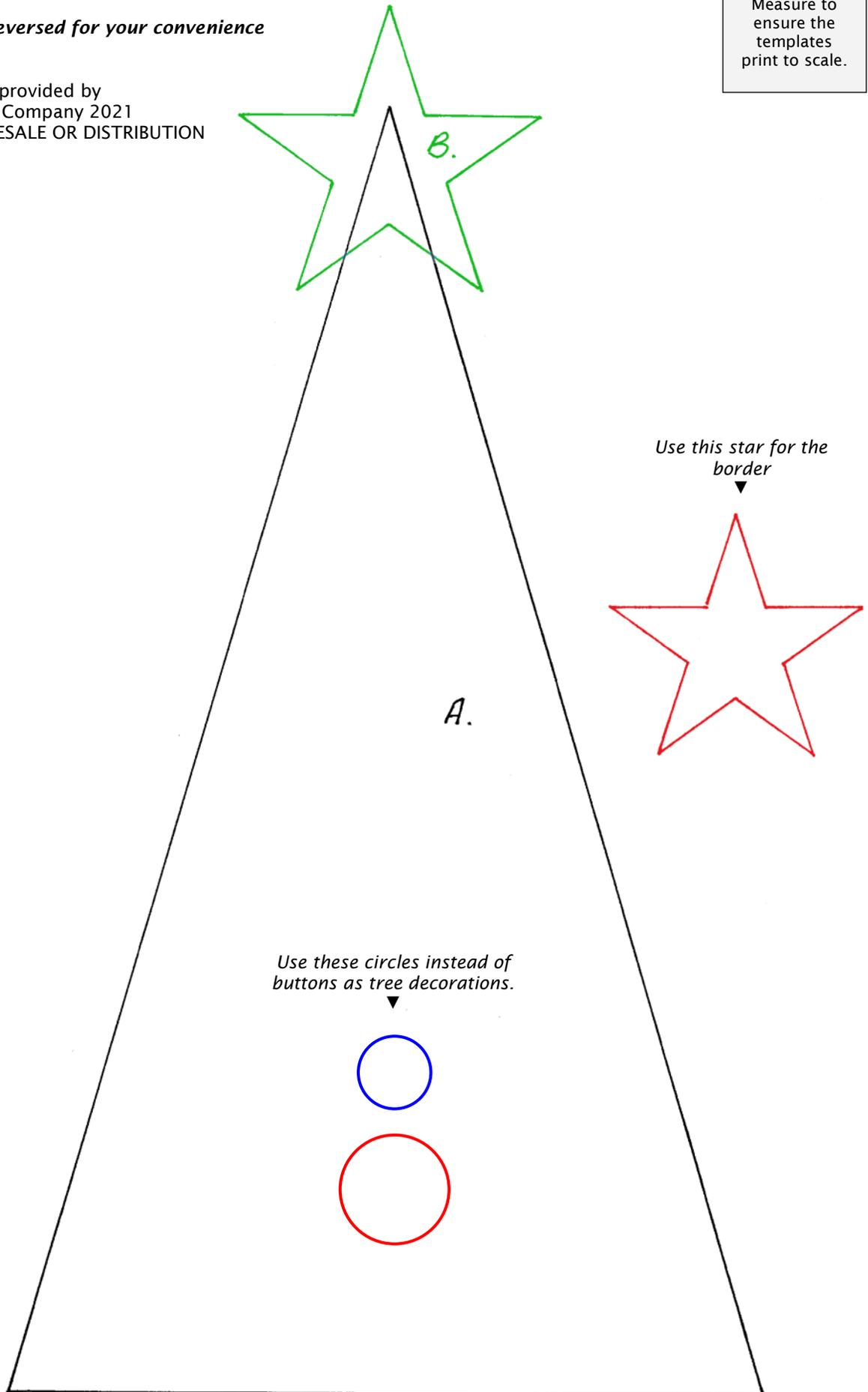
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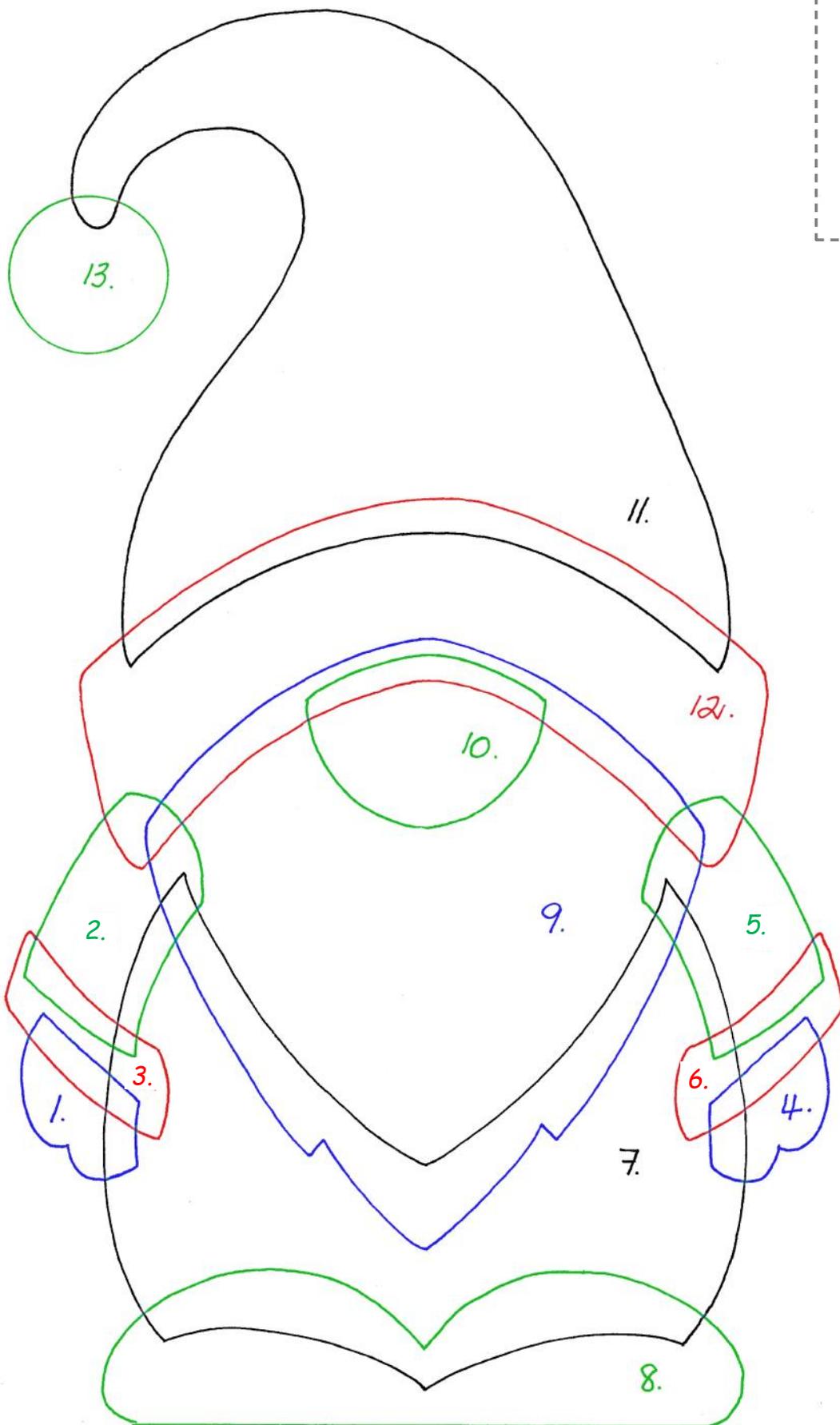
1 IN SQUARE

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## Notes!

The numbers represent the order in which the appliqué shapes are fused together.

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Ensure you leave approx. 3/8in between the appliqué shapes and the side and top edges of the background fabric. This will prevent the appliqué from being sewn into the seams.

