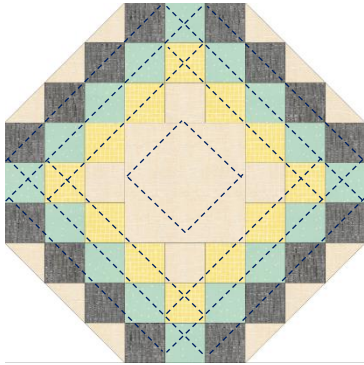# Octagonal Table Topper

Finished size 14 inches approx

You will need:

- Fabric A – fat eighth cream or white (squares)
- Fabric B – fat eighth yellow (squares)
- Fabric C – fat quarter green (squares and binding)
- Fabric D – fat quarter grey (squares and backing)
- A 16-inch square of wadding – we used Thermolam

Sew with ¼ inch seam throughout

To make the block

- Fabric A – cut one x 5 inch square and 16 x 2inch squares
- Fabric B – cut 12 x 2 inch squares
- Fabric C – cut 16 x 2 inch squares and 4 x 2.5 inch strips across the width of the fat quarter
- Fabric D – carefully cut 1 x 16 inch square for backing and then cut 16 x 2 inch squares
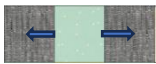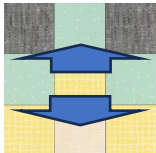

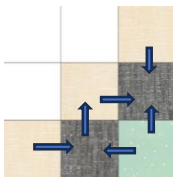Make four nine-patch units arranging colours as shown.
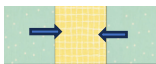
Make three rows of three squares. Press seams in the direction of the arrows.

Join the rows together, nesting the seams

Sew the three horizontal rows into a nine patch unit, nesting the seams (as shown right) to reduce bulk.

Press the seams in the direction of the arrows.

Make four corner units as shown, using one square of Fabric A, two of Fabric D and three of Fabric A.

Make three rows as before, pressing seams in direction of arrows and then join the three horizontal rows together, nesting seams and pressing seams in direction of arrows.

Layer backing, wadding and quilt top together and spray baste or pin. Quilt as desired - see image for our quilting idea.

To make the octagon shape, trim across the corner units, lining up the ruler one quarter inch away from the grey squares as shown. This means that the binding does not cut off the corners of the grey squares and gives a nice finish.
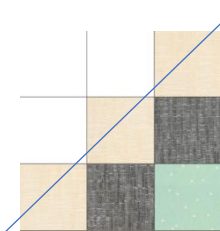
Sew the binding strips into one long strip, using mitre joins. Fold the strip in half lengthwise and press (double fold binding). Sew into place using your preferred method, mitring the corners and joining the binding using your preferred method.

As an alternative, cut a further 12 cream/white squares and make full nine patches for the corner to have a square topper. Also makes a nice cushion!