A HERO’S WEAVE

Quilt pattern found in Wrapped Up in Christmas Joy written by Janice Lynn, October, 2020.
Original design by Dennis L. Taylor
Pattern adapted by Ann Parsons Holte
Finished size 60 1/2” x 80” including borders

This project should be led by a mentor, an experienced quilter, who will guide the group through the process of making a Quilt of Valor for the Under Our Wings program. Under the mentor’s leadership, the group should be able to make the blocks and put them together to create a quilt top in one day.

Helpful hints
Read through all instructions before you begin.

WOF = width of fabric
RST = right sides together
Sew with 1/4” seams

Fabric Requirements
Red: 2 yards
White: 2 yards
Blue: 1 1/2 yards
Backing: 5 yards
Binding: 3/4 yard

Cutting
Except for the borders, all fabric for this quilt can be cut from 4 1/2” WOF strips. A good idea is to cut and set aside the strips for the borders first.

For Borders
Cut and attach 3 1/2” x WOF strips as follows to make long border strips:

(7) White 3 1/2” x WOF
(4) Red 3 1/2” x WOF
(3) Blue 3 1/2” x WOF

Because you will save these borders for later, pin a label to each set of borders to remind you where they go. From these long strips, cut:

(2) White 3 1/2” x 68 1/2” for Left/Right Inner Borders
(2) White 3 1/2” x 55” for Top/Bottom Outer Borders
(2) Red 3 1/2” x 74 1/2” for Left/Right Outer Borders
(2) Blue 3 1/2” x 61” for Top/Bottom Outer Borders
For Rows
After the borders are cut, all remaining fabric is cut into 4 1/2" × WOF strips.

The mentor can cut the squares and rectangles beforehand, as noted below:

From Red:
(48) 4 1/2" × 6 1/2" rectangles labeled R1
(8) 4 1/2" squares labeled R2

From Blue:
(63) 4 1/2" squares labeled B1

From White:
(71) 4 1/2" × 3 1/2" rectangles labeled W1
(48) 4 1/2" × 1 1/2" rectangles labeled W2

Preparing to Sew
There are no “blocks” in this quilt, only (17) rows of rectangles: (9) Blue+White and (8) Red+White. Make sets of the pieces needed for each row.

Make (9) Blue + White Row Sets, each containing:
(7) B1 squares
(7) W1 rectangles

Make (8) Red + White Row Sets, each containing:
(6) R1 rectangles
(6) W2 rectangles
(1) R2 square (labeled R2 end)
(1) W1 rectangle (labeled W1 end)

Pin the row sets together for sewing.

Assembling the Rows
- As you attach the pieces for each row, notice that each row has a 4 1/2" × 3 1/2" white rectangle marked W1 end
- In addition, the red rows have a 4 1/2" square marked R2 end at the opposite end from the W1 rectangle
- These “end” units are important for aligning the rows to each other
- The other important task: after each row is assembled, cut off 1/2" from the white W1 end pieces that fall at the beginning or end of the rows

Completing the Quilt
The quilt top should now measure 61" × 80 1/2"

Backings for this quilt should measure 68" × 88"

For binding, cut and attach (8) 2 1/2" × WOF strips and attach with a diagonal seam, end-to-end.