

## Checkerboard Center Quilt, Version 2, Child

This kit contains 18 squares of color A fabric, 17 squares of color B fabric, 4 narrow strips for the inner border and 4 wide strips of theme fabric for the outer border.

Outer border –  $\frac{3}{4}$  yards theme print fabric, cut four – 6" wide strips

Inner border –  $\frac{1}{3}$  yard fabric – cut four 2½" wide strips

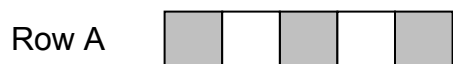
Checkerboard –  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard of color A, cut three – 5½" wide strips into 18 – 5½" x 5½" squares

$\frac{1}{2}$  yard of color B, cut three – 5½" wide strips into 17 – 5½" x 5½" squares

Backing – 1½ yards fabric

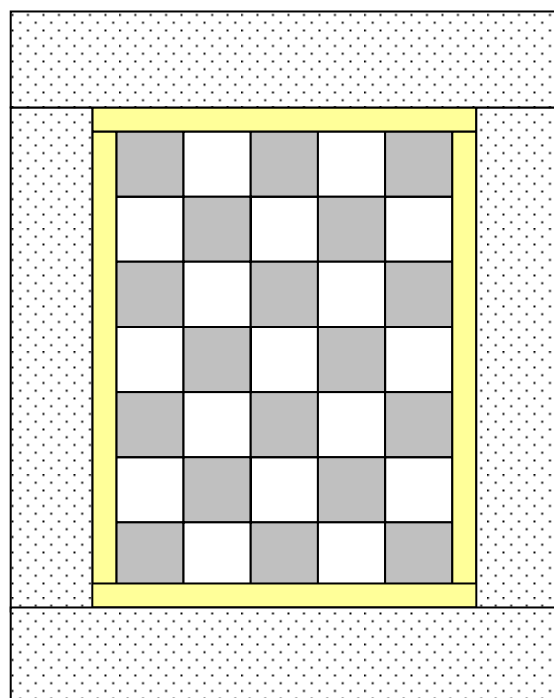
Batting – 42" x 52"

Use a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam throughout construction. To make the checkerboard center, sew the squares together in rows of 5 squares across. Row A starts and ends with a color A fabric square and Row B starts and ends with a color B fabric square. Row A: 4 rows; Row B: 3 rows.



Sew the rows together starting with Row A and alternating the rows and ending with Row A. This forms the checkerboard center as shown.

Sew the narrow inner border strips to the center checkerboard, starting on the long sides of the rectangle. Press and trim. Add wide border strips, sides first, then top and bottom. Press and trim.



This blanket can be finished using the traditional method, which uses a binding, or the 'envelope' method, which uses no binding. Quilt or tie at least every 3½ to 4 inches. Quilting in the ditch looks nice and reinforces the blanket. Quilting  $\frac{1}{2}$ " around the outside edges gives a more finished look when using the 'envelope' method.

Finished quilt is approximately 40" x 50".

\* Fabric requirements and cutting instructions are included for those wishing to make this pattern at home.