

Channer's Checkers

A "Make A Blanket Day" Quilt Pattern



Introduction

A special thank you to "blanketeer" Elzora Channer for donating her time and talents to Project Linus by creating "Channer's Checkers." Many seriously ill and traumatized children will receive special hugs of comfort because of her efforts.

Planning

This quilt is entirely made up of 3½ strips. The quilt is created using two basic contrasting colors with a 3rd tone on tone fabric for the border around the checkerboard itself. There is very little waste with the scraps being used to make the pockets.

Finished Size

42" x 60"

Number of Blocks

- ♥ 4 sixteen-patch blocks (12½" x 12½")

Fabric Requirements

- ♥ Color A (includes borders) 1¼ yd.
- ♥ Color B (includes borders) 1⅞ yd.
- ♥ Color C ½ yd.
- ♥ Backing 1¾ yd.
- ♥ Binding ⅜ yd.

Cutting the Fabric

Color A

Cut 12 strips 3½" x width of fabric (WOF)

Color B

Cut 11 strips 3½" x WOF

Color C

Cut 4 strips 3½" x WOF

Binding

Cut 5 strips 2½" x WOF

Checkers

From two coordinating colors of felt, cut 12 × 2" circles from each color for checkers.

Quilt Piecing Instructions

Step 1

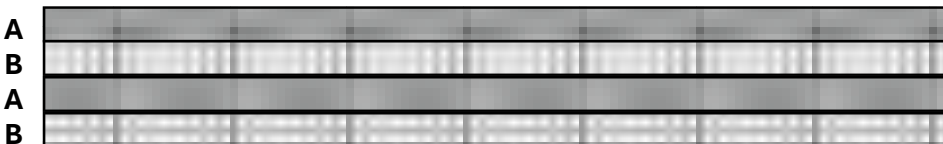
Sew 8 strips of Color A to 8 strips of Color B together as follows:



You will need 8 “AB” strips
Press seams toward the dark fabric

Step 2

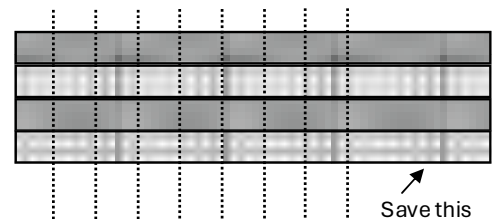
Sew two sets of AB strips together making 4 sets of ABAB strips:



You will need 4 “ABAB” strip sets
Press seams toward the dark fabric

Step 3

- ♥ From **two** of the **ABAB** strip sets, cut **eight** 3½" segments for a total of 16 segments.
- ♥ Save the leftover scrap from each strip set which will be used for the pockets.
- ♥ The other ABAB strip sets will be used for the horizontal borders.



Save this piece for pocket.

Step 4

- ♥ Make 4 “**sixteen-patch**” blocks. (Fig. 1).
- ♥ Assemble the checkerboard portion of the quilt by sewing the four “sixteen-patch” blocks together.
- ♥ Checkerboard will have 64 squares. (Fig. 2)

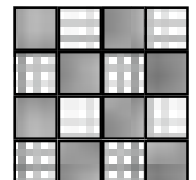


Figure 1

Step 5

Add the border that surrounds the checkerboard by sewing a 3½" strip of Color C to each vertical side of the checkerboard. Then sew a border strip to the top and to the bottom of the checkerboard. (Fig. 2)

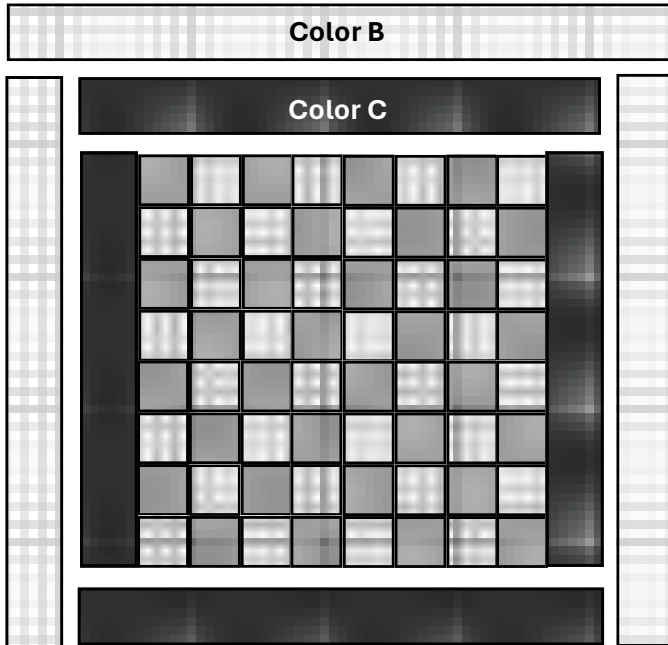


Figure 2

Step 6

Add the next set of vertical borders by sewing a 3½" strip of Color B to each vertical and then each horizontal side of the "framed" checkerboard.

Step 7

You should have two ABAB strip sets left. Sew a strip set to the top and bottom of the quilt. (Fig. 3)

Note: Make sure that the Color B strip is sewn to the Color C border on the top and bottom.

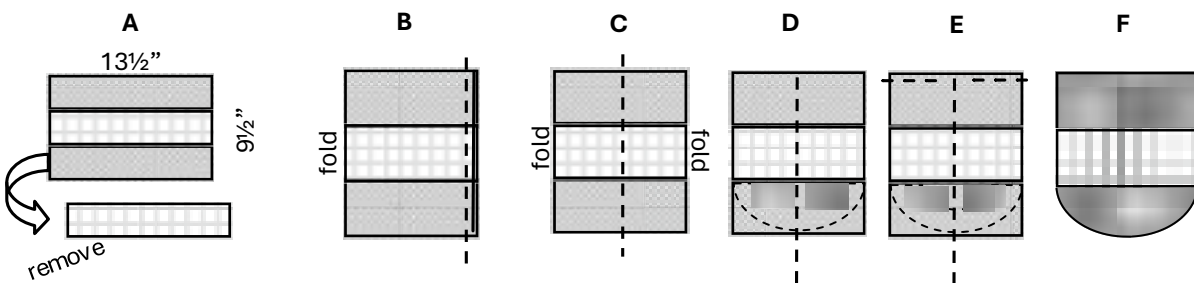
Step 8

For the vertical borders, you should have three 3½" strips of Color B left. Cut one strip in half and sew each to a full strip creating a vertical border. Sew the border to each side of the quilt. (Fig. 3)

Step 9

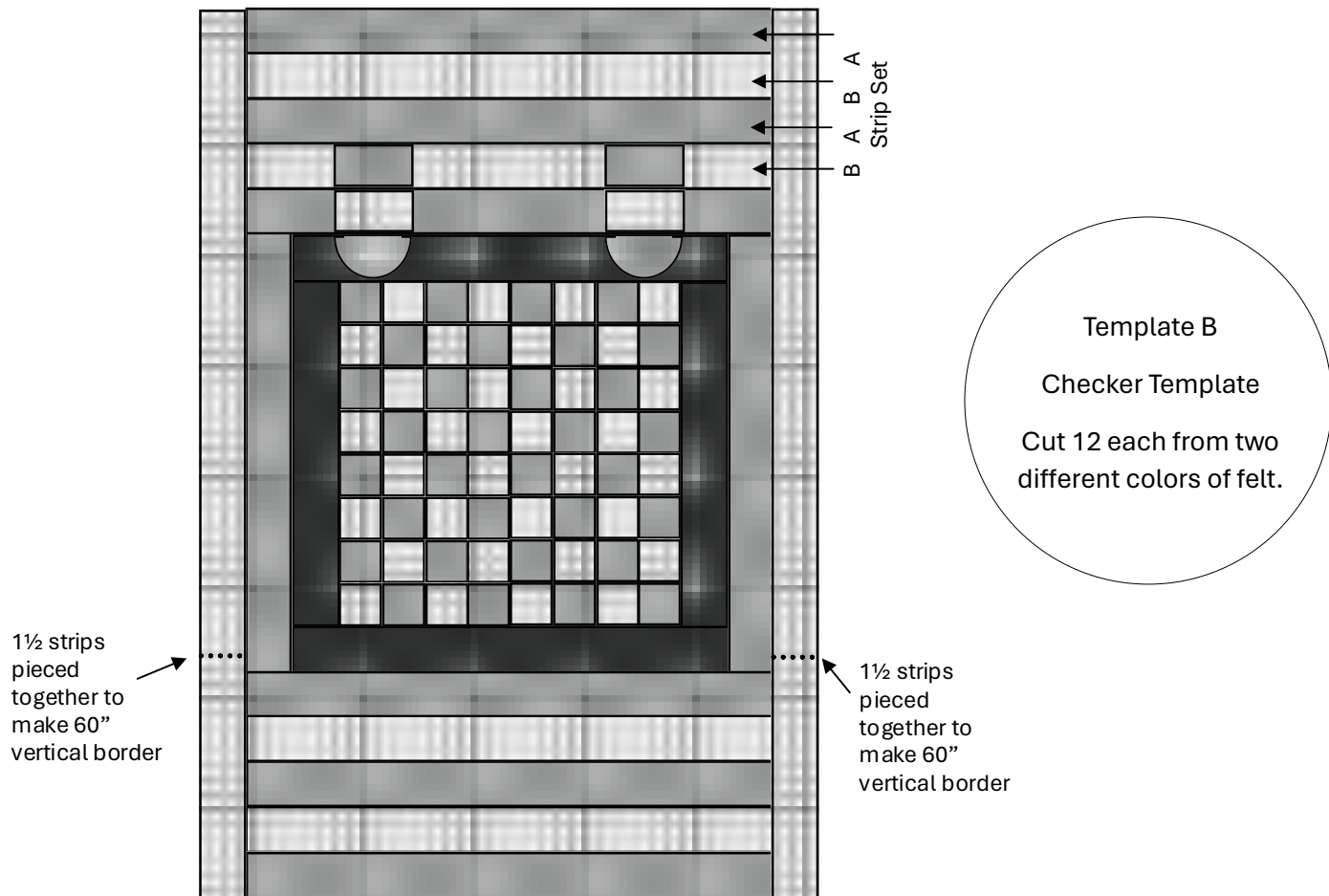
Making the checkers pocket

- Using your leftover strip set from Step 3, remove a Color B strip and cut two 13½" (horizontal) × 9½" (vertical) rectangles from the remaining strip sets.
- Fold in half, right sides together and stitch raw edge closed.
- Center seam in the back and press open.
- Using Template A trim the bottom of the pocket to a half-circle and stitch using ¼" seam.
- Stitch top leaving opening to turn.
- Clip corners and curve, turn and close opening.
- Position pockets as shown in Fig. 1, and stitch to quilt top leaving pocket opening open.



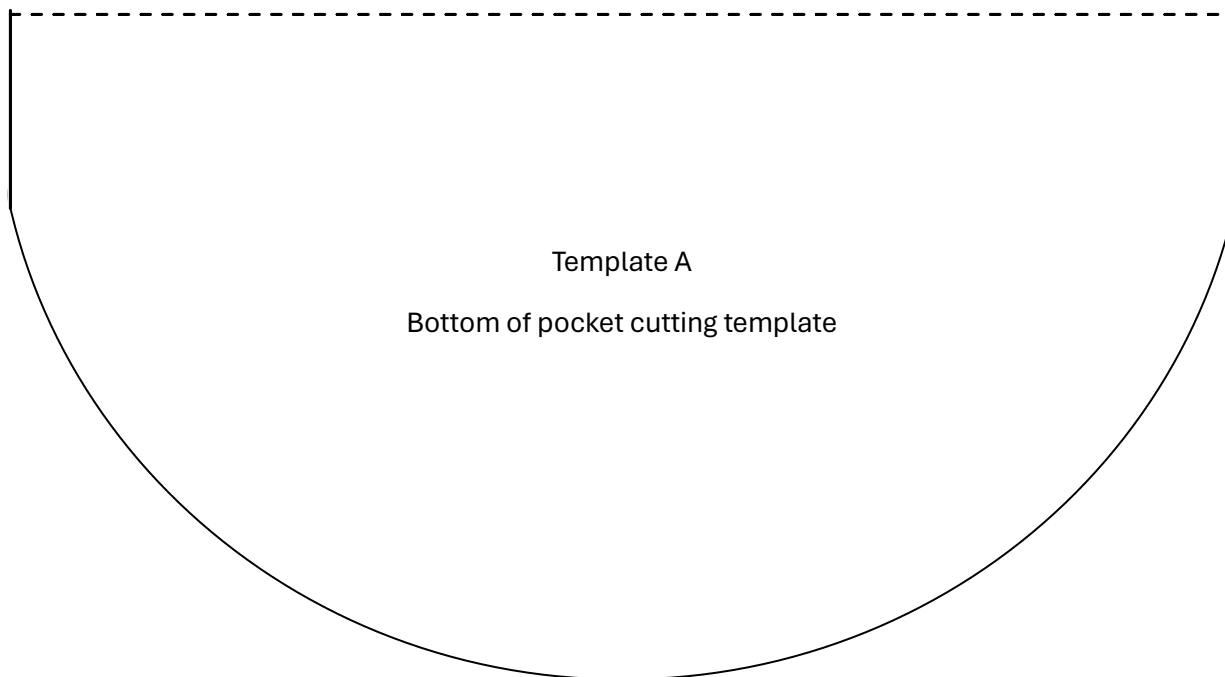
Make 2 pockets.

Figure 3



Step 10

Layer and quilt as desired. Join the binding strips into one continuous strip. Fold in half lengthwise. Attach binding to the front. Turn folded edge to the back side of the quilt. Sew by hand or machine.



Template A
Bottom of pocket cutting template