

Quilt Block Tutorial: Red & White Checkerboard Frame

Materials Needed

- Assorted red and white fabrics (solids, florals, gingham)
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat
- Quilter's ruler
- Sewing machine with 1/4 inch foot
- Iron and ironing board
- Neutral thread

Finished Block Preview

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Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Cut the following fabric pieces:

- Center square: (1) 3.5" x 3.5" red square
- Round 1 (middle checkerboard): (4) 2" x 2" red print, (4) 2" x 2" white print
- Round 2 (stripes): (2) 2" x 7.5" red gingham, (2) 2" x 3.5" red gingham
- Outer checkerboard border: (12) 2" x 2" red print, (13) 2" x 2" white print

2. Sew the center red square.

3. Assemble and sew the 9-patch style middle border:

- Join alternating red and white squares (2" each) into three rows of three.
- Create top, bottom, and side borders.
- Attach to the center square block.

4. Add gingham strips:

- Sew shorter gingham strips to the sides.
- Sew longer strips to the top and bottom.

5. Assemble and attach the outer checkerboard:

- Create four checkerboard strips: alternating red and white 2" squares.
- Two strips with 5 squares, two strips with 7 squares.
- Attach shorter ones to sides, then longer ones to top and bottom.

6. Press the entire block flat with a hot iron. Square up to 12.5" if needed.