

## “Alternate Block” Quilt Instructions

Finished size: 40” x 51”

This quilt consists of (35) 6” finished blocks using 2 coordinating fabrics and 2 outer borders. The quilt will have a checkerboard look.

General quilting notes:

1. Read through the entire pattern instructions. We do try to make the instructions clear and straight-forward. However, if you have any questions, please ask for clarification.
2. Follow common practice piecing/quilting techniques. Need help? Guild members are always happy to share their expertise and knowledge with fellow members.
3. All seams allowances are 1/4”.
4. Press seams toward the darker fabric to ensure they are flat. Or alternate pressing the seams so you can “nest” them. This will help to reduce bulk at intersections.



### Cutting Directions

1. Block fabric:
  - Fabric A - cut 3 strips WOF X 6-1/2”. Cut the strip into 6-1/2” square blocks (total: 18 blocks).
  - Fabric B - cut 3 strips WOF X 6-1/2”. Cut the strip into 6-1/2” square blocks (total: 17 blocks).
2. Inner border fabric - cut (5) 2” strips x WOF
3. Outer border fabric - cut (5) 3-1/2” x WOF

### Assembly

1. Arrange your (35) 6-1/2” blocks in 7 rows x 5 columns alternating between Fabric A and Fabric B. The layout should have a checkerboard look. Refer to image above. (*NOTE: Match direction of characters on fabric as needed.*)
2. Sew the top 5 blocks together to form a row. Press seams toward one direction.
3. Repeat for the remaining rows. Alternate pressing the seams in opposite directions (you will then be able to “nest” the seams).
3. Sew the 7 rows together to form a pieced top. Square the pieced top.
4. Sew the inner border strip onto the left and right sides of the pieced top. Press seams to one side. Trim any excess fabric as needed.
5. Sew the remaining inner border strips to the top and bottom of the pieced top. Press seams to one side. Trim any excess fabric as needed.
6. Sew the outer border strip onto the top and bottom of the pieced top. Press seams to one side. Trim any excess fabric as needed.
7. Sew the remaining 3 strips together end-to-end. Sew to the left and right sides of the pieced top.
8. Remove all loose threads from the back side of the pieced top.
9. Cut the backing and batting bigger than the pieced top. If you need to piece together fabrics for the backing, do that now. Press seams open.
10. Make the quilt sandwich by stacking the backing, batting, and the pieced top. Baste as needed.
11. Quilt the sandwich using your best efforts and techniques.
12. Square the quilt as needed.
13. Prepare your binding and sew to the quilt.
14. Sew a label to the back of the quilt.
15. Trim all loose threads and remove all basting pins.

***Congratulations! You have just completed a comfort quilt that will brighten someone’s life.***