



Use It Up Mini Quilt

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finished size: 22 1/2" x 22 1/2"

materials

- 1 Moda mini charm
or 42, 2 1/2" squares of prints (I used April Showers by Bonnie & Camille)
- 1/2 yard solid background fabric (I used Kona Ocean)
- 1/4 yard binding fabric
- 3/4 yard backing fabric
- 26" x 26" piece of batting

cutting instructions

From background fabric, cut:

- 5, 2 1/2" x WOF strips
- sub-cut:
 - 28, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares
 - 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangle
 - 2 1/2" x 14 1/2" rectangle
 - 2 1/2" x 16 1/2" rectangle
 - 2 1/2" x 18 1/2" rectangle
 - 2 1/2" x 20 1/2" rectangle
 - 2 1/2" x 22 1/2" rectangle

From binding fabric, cut:

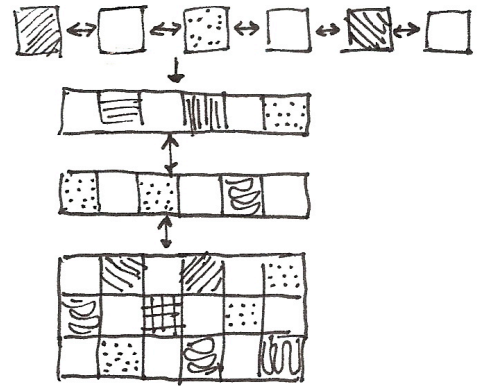
- 3, 2" x WOF binding strips. This allows for a 1/4" seam allowance on the binding, keeping it looking slim since this is a mini quilt.



sewing instructions

You may wish to lay out the entire quilt before starting to get a pleasing arrangement of the prints.

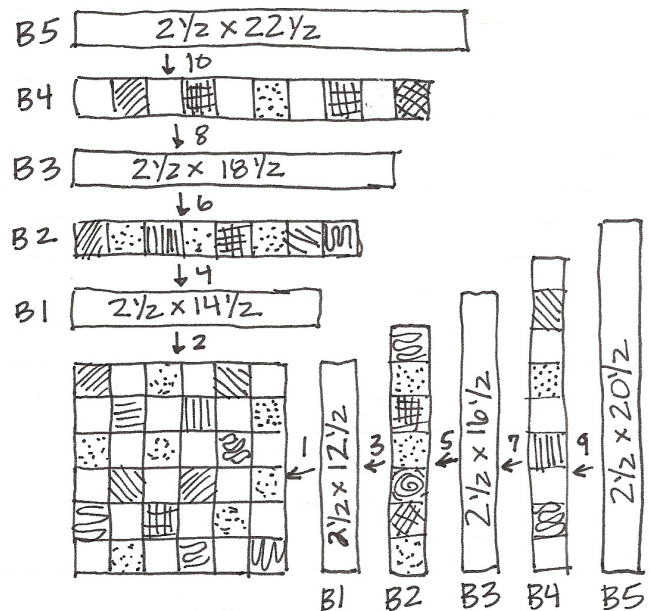
Construct a 6x6 square checkerboard block (36 patch) with 18 print squares and 18 background squares, as in the diagram. Sew squares together into rows, and press seam allowances towards the background squares. Then sew rows together, nesting seam allowances where they intersect. Press seam allowances toward the bottom.



tip: Press from the front also to ensure seams are fully opened.

Construct border 2: Sew 8 print squares together to create the top border. Press seam allowances to the left. Sew 7 print squares together to create the side border. Press seam allowances toward the bottom.

Construct border 4: Alternate 5 background squares and 5 print squares, starting with a background on the left and ending with a print on the right, and sew together to make the top border. Press seam allowances to the left. Alternate 5 background squares and 4 print squares, starting and ending with a background square, and sew together to make the side border. Press seam allowances toward the bottom.



Add borders to the checkerboard block starting with border 1 and ending with border 5, referring to the diagram for placement of the background rectangles. For each border, add the side first, press the seam allowance toward the border, then add the top and press that seam allowance toward the border.

Stay-stitch with 1/8" seam allowance at regular stitch length around the entire quilt to prevent seams from coming apart during quilting.

Layer quilt back, batting, and quilt top. Quilt and bind as desired. Our version was quilted with horizontal lines about 1/4" apart.

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