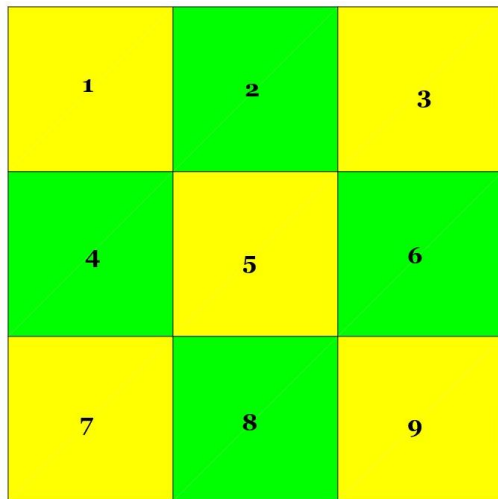


Instructions on how to put your checkerboard pattern pieces together.



- Step 1 Picking out your fabrics and press (iron) flat, before you trace your pattern onto the fabric. Two fabrics will be used for this project.
- Step 2 Start tracing your pattern onto your fabric and cut your squares. Once you cut them, then you can arrange them. For this square; cut 5 of one color and 4 of another.
- Step 3 Remember that when you pin, line your pieces so that you do not see any color on each side only a sewing line. Do not forget that when you start to lock your stitch. My rule of thumb is counting to five forward, reversing then following all the way down to the end, reverse counting five, then down to the end. Pull your square out and clip away. You will do this to all your squares. Do not forget to press your seams open.
- Step 4 Start your triangle first to create the square, using the number system that I have put on the pieces.
- Step 5 Now you have your triangles together and you will start to put your squares together. They will get put together in this manner:
1 pinned to 2, 4 pinned to 5 and 7 pinned to 8.
- Step 7 The next step is to pin the rest of your loose square to your sewn pieces. The layout will be:
2 pinned to 3, 5 pinned to 6 and 8 pinned to 9.
- Step 8 We will be putting the rows of squares together to start forming our quilt block. The layout will be:
1,2,3 pinned to 4,5,6.

Step 9 Next, you will be sewing together:
 4,5,6 pinned to 7,8,9.

You are now finished with the checkerboard pattern piece. I hope you will make something fun out of it or even make more patterns to make your quilt square bigger. If you are a beginner, practicing the steps to the squares is a good way to practice tracing, cutting, and sewing.

Enjoy making your quilt squares, love and world peace, Ms. Ida



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