



Cabin Fever Quilts & LaRue's Country Quilts

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Hotpad Blocks #5 Checkerboard

General Piecing Rules For This Block Style:

- Sew and press seams away from the center.
- Sew scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances, do not open seams.
- Strip sew, then cut into segments.
- Simple 9 patch

A	B	B	B	A
B	A	B	A	B
B	B	A Center	B	B
B	A	B	A	B
A	B	B	B	A

8.5" unfinished

Fabric Requirements

- A. Dark Center & "X" : $3 \frac{1}{8}$ " sq. = $3 \frac{1}{8}$ " & $8, 1 \frac{7}{8}$ " sqs.
= 4" x 11" piece.
- B. Light: 8 logs $1 \frac{7}{8}$ " x $3 \frac{1}{8}$ " & $8, 1 \frac{7}{8}$ " sqs. = $1 \frac{7}{8}$ " x 42"

Quilt Block Outside Border to make a 10" square: 1.5" x 42"

Additional Hotpad Requirements: 1 fat 16th back fabric & 8.5" square batting.

Block Assembly:

1. Cut A dark center $3 \frac{1}{8}$ " square, cut the rest of 4" strip in half leaving 2 strips 2" x about 8".
2. Cut 2, 13" pieces from B fabric. Sew these together. Cut into 4, $3 \frac{1}{8}$ " sections.
 - a. Press and sew one on each side of dark center square completing center row.
3. Place rest of B strip face up on machine then place shorter $1 \frac{7}{8}$ " A strip face down on top, sew down length adding next A section when needed.
4. Cut sewn AB strip into eight 1.5" squares.
5. Sew these squares into opposite 4 patches. Attach one 4 patch to the corners of last 2 BB logs for rows 1 & 3 assembling block as shown in diagram.
6. Press and square up block to 8.5"
7. Sew outside border on all four sides. Using either LC, 4 around center method (sew in clockwise order around center, 1,2,3, 4). Or CH Plus Order Method (top, bottom, then left and right sides).

METHODS

9-Patch, 3 Rows & 3 Columns. = Easiest to sew center row or column first sewing left and right blocks next to center as shown in diagrams. Next simply sew the corners onto the top and bottom or left and right columns. Now you have three rows or columns to sew together.

Sandwich, Pre-binding Hotpads. = Layer 100% Cotton W&N Batting square on bottom. Place back fabric face up onto batting, then place pieced block face down on top of back. Pin if needed and stitch around all four sides leaving a 2"-3" turning opening. Trim corners and turn right sides out. Then blind hem opening closed.