

# 14 Easy Baby Quilt Patterns for Boys & Girls



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Hi Quilters,

Baby quilts are some of our favorite quilting projects. Who can resist a small, simple quilt that doesn't take much time and makes a great gift? We certainly can't! This collection of baby quilt patterns is extra easy, so you can whip them up in just a few days (or hours!) before a baby shower, or make several of them at once and wrap them up as birthday gifts throughout the year.

Whether you're quilting for a baby boy or a baby girl, we've got plenty of patterns to fit your needs. You'll find quilts with animal themes and masculine colors right alongside the floral confections designed for baby girls. You'll also find a mix of patchwork and applique patterns, so you can choose a quilt with the technique that suits you best. With this selection of patterns, you'll want to make quilts for every baby in your life!

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## Animal Baby Quilts

### Gavin's Marine Life Quilt

By: Shana Kreikemeier from Needyl

This free pattern for a baby quilt is just the thing for a future fisherman or an aquatic-themed nursery. Gavin's Marine Life Quilt is a simple pattern for patchwork baby quilts that incorporates squares of fish print fabric in a sea of aqua piecework.



**Quilt Size:** 36" x 42"

**Time to Complete:** a week or two

#### MATERIALS:

- 1/2 yd. Color A (fish prints); if you use one color, you will need 1/2 yd., but this would also be a good place to get rid of scraps.
- 1/4 yd. Color B (water background color); you will need a full 9" of width, so you might want to buy more to be safe
- 1-1/4 yd. Color C (turquoise border and binding)
- Batting, 42" x 48"
- 1-1/4 yd. backing fabric, 56" wide
- Thread and other common quilting notions

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

##### Cutting:

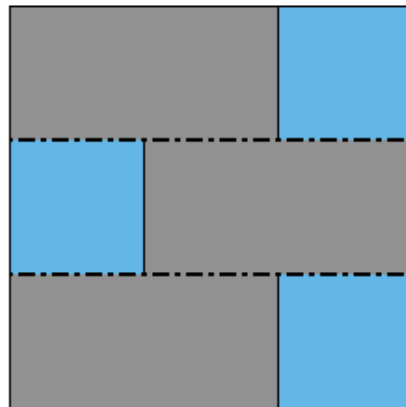
- Color A – Cut five (5) 2-1/2" x width of fabric strips
- Color B – Cut two (2) 4-1/2" x width of fabric strips
- Color C - Cut three (3) 2-1/2" x width of fabric strips

##### Piecing:

- 1) Sew one Color A strip to each of the Color B and Color C strips. Press seams.
- 2) Cut each of these down into 2-1/2" pieces. The pieces created from Color B should look like the below. This is 'Piece 1', which should be 6-1/2" square. Set aside those created from Color C for when you're ready to work on the border.



- 3) Sew together an inverted and upright Piece 1 along the long edge. Press seam, and sew another Piece 1 to the block so that the squares alternate sides. Press seams. Your completed block should look like this.



- 4) Keeping all blocks upright, sew together six rows of five blocks. Press seams.
- 5) Alternate upright and inverted rows, making sure that the squares do not line up. Sew together. Press seams.
- 6) This completes the center of the quilt. It should be approximately 30-1/2" x 36-1/2".

**Borders:**

- 1) From the remaining Color C fabric, cut
  - Two 2-1/2" x 30-1/2" strips
  - Two 2-1/2" x 38-1/2" strips
  - Two 2-1/2" x 32-1/2" strips
  - Two 2-1/2" x 40-1/2" strips
- 2) Sew the 2-1/2" x 30-1/2" strips to the top and bottom of the central block. Press seams.
- 3) Sew the 2-1/2" x 38-1/2" strips to the sides. Press seams.
- 4) Using the pieces you set aside earlier, piece the second border. Being sure to alternate the print and solid, piece together two strips of 15 squares and two of 20 squares.
- 5) Sew the shorter strips to the top and bottom. Press seams, and sew longer strips to the sides. Press seams.
- 6) Sew the 2-1/2" x 32-1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press seams, and sew the final 2-1/2" x 40-1/2" strips to the sides. Press seams.
- 7) This is the completed quilt top. It should be approximately 34-1/2" x 40-1/2"
- 8) Quilt and bind. I quilted it to emphasize the movement of the water, stitching in some little fish as I went.

## Simple Monkey Baby Quilt

By: Shana Kreikemeier from Needyl

Make a whimsical gift for a new baby with easy baby quilt patterns like the Simple Monkey Baby Quilt. Use monkey print fabric with bright sashing to make this quilt fun. The colors and prints in this quilt pattern are especially cute for baby boy quilts.



**Quilt Size:** 48" x 48"

**Time to Complete:** weekend project

### MATERIALS:

- 1 yd. main fabric (monkeys) – I used Monkey 'n Round by Erin Michael for Moda.
- 1 yd. for sashing (stripes)
- 1/3 yd. fabric for squares (polka dots)
- 3/8 yd. fabric for binding – If you use the same as the square fabric, you'll need 2/3 yd. total.
- 1-1/2 yd. fabric for backing, 56" wide. If you use a 44" wide, you'll need to piece, in which case you'll need about 3 yds. I used a solid red.
- Batting – 56" square. If you buy the pre-cut packages, you need a twin.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Cutting:

- 1) From the main fabric, cut seven 5" strips. Cut those down to 5" squares. You should have enough for 56 total. Block A.
- 2) If you are using stripes for the bar fabric, you'll need to cut them slightly differently. If your stripes run parallel to the selvedge, cut fourteen 2-1/2" strips and cut them down to 2-1/2" x 5" rectangles. If the stripes run perpendicular to the selvedge, cut seven 5" strips and cut them down to 2-1/2" x 5" rectangles. You'll have 112 total. You'll need all of these, so be careful. If you want, you might buy a little extra fabric. Vertical = Block B1. Horizontal = Block B2.
- 3) From the fabric for the squares, cut four strips of 2-1/2" and cut them down to 2-1/2" squares (64 total). Again, you'll need all of these. If you're using this fabric for the binding, you can cut five more 2-1/2" strips now. Block C.

#### Piecing:

- 1) Piecing on this quilt is very fast and easy, but you'll want to take extra care that the seams line up well. There are two rows- Row A (create 8): C B2 C B2 C B2 C B2 C B2 C B2 C B2 C  
Row B (create 7): B1 A B1 A B1 A B1 A B1 A B1 A B1 A B1 A B1
- 2) Press the seams.
- 3) Sew together the strips, alternating Row A and Row B, ending with Row A. Press all the seams.

**Finishing:**

Back the quilt. For the quilting, I stippled around the monkeys. On the corner squares, I outlined them and drew an X in the middle. Bind off.





## Green Pastures Baby Quilt

By: AccuQuilt

The Green Pastures Baby Quilt makes an adorable baby boy quilt! This pattern from AccuQuilt uses fusible applique to add sheep and sun shapes to the pastoral quilt top. Great for a baby's room with lots of farm animals!



**Quilt Size:** 38" x 38"

**Time to Complete:** Weekend Project

### MATERIALS:

- 1 yd. White fabric (includes binding)
- 5/8 yd. Light blue fabric
- 1/2 yd. Green fabric
- Appliqué fabrics—scraps or fat quarters
- 3/4 yd. Fusible web
- 1-1/4 yds. Backing
- Batting—44" x 44"
- AccuQuilt fabric cutting machine
- AccuQuilt 6" x 12" cutting mat (#55112)
- AccuQuilt Strip Cutter 2-1/2" (#55017)
- AccuQuilt Half Square 2" Finished Triangle (Die packaged with fabric cutter)
- AccuQuilt Square 2-1/2" (Die packaged with fabric cutter)

- AccuQuilt Square 4-1/2" (Die packaged with fabric cutter)
- AccuQuilt Lullaby die cut (#55038)
- Coordinating threads for applique shapes



### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Cutting Directions:

- **White Fabric:**  
Cut 8—2-1/2" strips across the width of fabric  
Cut 6—4-1/2" squares  
Cut 5—2-1/2" squares  
Cut 12—2-1/2" half square finished triangles  
Cut 4—sheep bodies with fusible web backing for clouds
- **Light Blue Fabric:**  
Cut 1—34-1/2" x 18-1/2" rectangle
- **Green Fabric:**  
Cut 1—34-1/2" x 10 1/2" rectangle  
Cut 10—2-1/2" squares  
Cut 12—2" half square finished triangles
- **Applique Fabrics (all with fusible web backing):**  
Cut 2 sheep bodies and 2 sheep bodies in reverse  
Cut 8—sheep legs  
Cut 4—sets of sheep ears and heads

Cut 1—2-1/2" circle for sun  
Cut 6—sheep ears for sun rays

**Sewing Directions:**

- 1) Pin and sew five sets of green, white, green 2-1/2" squares as shown. Press seams toward green squares.



- 2) Pin and sew 12 green and white half square triangles as shown. Press seams toward green triangles.



- 3) Pin and sew green and white half square triangles into pairs for fence tops.
- 4) Pin and sew pairs to top of white 4-1/2" squares. Press seams toward squares.
- 5) Layout fence border.
- 6) Pin and sew units to complete border. Press seams toward 2-1/2" square sets.
- 7) Pin and sew light blue rectangle to green rectangle along one long edge. Press seams toward green rectangle.
- 8) Pin and sew fence border to bottom of green rectangle.
- 9) Press seams toward green rectangle.
- 10) Remove paper backings from appliqué shapes.
- 11) Position sheep, clouds, sun, and sun rays. Fuse according to manufacturer's

instructions.

*Tip: Use the point of a pin to move tiny shapes.*

- 12) Machine appliqué edges of shapes with matching thread and a narrow zigzag or narrow satin stitch.
- 13) Add 2-1/2" white border, adding the sides first, then top and bottom. Press seams toward border.

**Quilting and Finishing:**

- 1) Layer batting between quilt top and backing.
- 2) Pin or baste layers together.
- 3) Machine quilt with an all-over design.
- 4) Add binding, mitering corners.

## Applique Baby Quilt Patterns

### Squares and More Baby Quilt

By: AccuQuilt

Use your AccuQuilt cutter to make a simple patchwork baby quilt pattern into something special! The Squares and More Baby Quilt features a checkerboard pattern of patchwork and applique quilt squares. Each patchwork square is made up of tinier patchwork squares, and each applique square has a fun shape, flower, or critter to entertain baby.



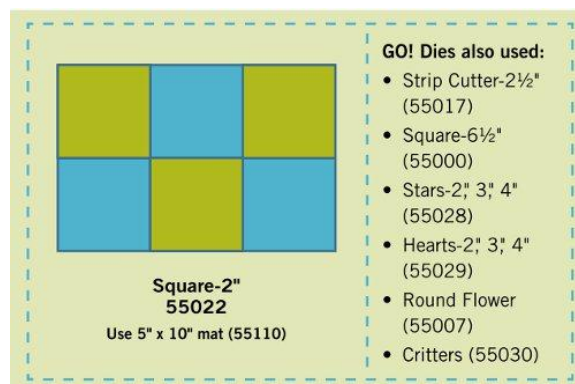
**Quilt Size:** 43-1/2" x 43-1/2"

**Time to Complete:** a week or two

#### MATERIALS:

- 1 yd. each of four fabrics OR:  
1/3 yd. each of 3 fabrics for inner borders  
1/2 yd. fabric for outer border  
Fat quarters or scraps for 2" squares  
3/4 yd. fabric for large squares  
1/2 yd. binding fabric (or use scraps for strips)  
3/4 yd. fusible web product  
2-3/4 yds. backing fabric
- AccuQuilt Go! fabric cutter

- AccuQuilt Go! square 2" (55022)
- AccuQuilt Go! 5" x 10" mat (55110)
- AccuQuilt Go! strip cutter 2-1/2" (55017)
- AccuQuilt Go! square 6-1/2" (55000)
- AccuQuilt Go! stars 2", 3", 4" (55028)
- AccuQuilt Go! hearts 2", 3", 4" (55029)
- AccuQuilt Go! round flower (55007)
- AccuQuilt Go! critters (55030)



#### INSTRUCTIONS:

##### Cutting Directions:

- Cut 52—2" squares each of four fabrics or cut 208 squares from fat quarters or scraps
- Cut 4—2-1/2" strips across width of fabric (WOF) for inner borders 1, 2, and 3
- Cut 5—2-1/2" strips across WOF for outer border
- Cut 12—appliqué shapes with fusible web backing from available GO!® dies—stars, hearts, flowers, butterflies, dragonflies and bees
- Cut 12—6-1/2" squares from selected fabric
- Cut 5—2-1/2" strips across WOF for binding

**Sewing Directions:**

- 1) Lay out (16) 2" squares in a random design for one pieced block.
- 2) Pin and sew together in four rows of four squares. Press seams of alternating rows to right or left.
- 3) Pin and sew rows together to complete block. Make 13 pieced blocks.
- 4) Optional: Center an appliqué shape on each 6-1/2" large square. Fuse according to manufacturer's directions. Machine appliqué edges of appliqué shape, adding detail as desired.
- 5) Layout 13 pieced blocks and 12 large (appliquéd) squares for quilt according to photo.
- 6) Pin and sew pieced blocks and large squares together in horizontal rows.
- 7) Press seams of alternating rows to right or left.
- 8) Pin and sew rows together to complete quilt.
- 9) Press seams toward bottom of quilt.
- 10) Add four borders, adding the sides first, then top and bottom borders. Outer border strips will need to be pieced together.

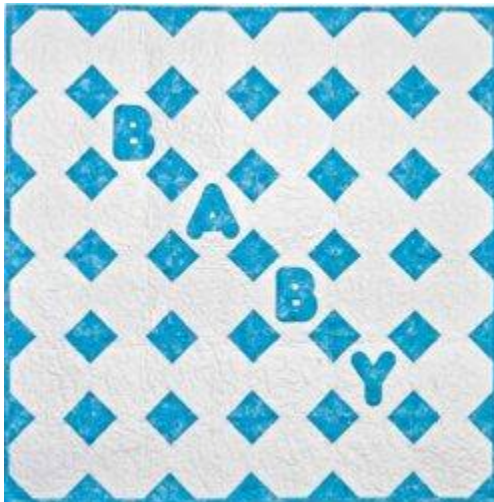
**Quilting and Finishing:**

- 1) Layer batting between quilt top and backing.
- 2) Pin or baste layers together.
- 3) Machine quilt in an all-over design.
- 4) Add binding, mitering corners.

## Diagonal Baby Quilt

By: AccuQuilt

This baby quilt pattern makes a simple quilt that can be adapted easily for any gender or decor. With an easy pattern of pieced diamonds and octagons as a background, you can experiment with applied letters and pictures for a customized quilt.



**Quilt Size:** 36" x 36"

**Time to Complete:** Weekend project

### MATERIALS:

- 1-3/4 yds. Fabric 1 (white)
- 1-1/4 yds. Fabric 2 (blue)— includes binding
- 1/2 yd. Fusible web
- 1-1/4 yds. Backing fabric
- Batting—42" x 42"
- Fabric scraps for optional shapes
- AccuQuilt die cutting machine
- AccuQuilt Alpha Baby die (#55035)
- AccuQuilt 5" x 10" mat (#55110)
- AccuQuilt Strip Cutter 2-1/2" (#55017)
- AccuQuilt Square die 6-1/2" (#55000)

- AccuQuilt Half Square - 2" Finished Triangle (die packaged with die cutting machine)
- Matching thread



### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Cutting Directions:

- Fabric 1:  
Cut 36—6-1/2" x 6-1/2" squares
- Fabric 2:  
Cut 4—2-1/2" strips across the width of fabric  
Cut 144—2" half square finished triangles  
Cut one set of BABY letters with fusible web backing

#### Sewing Directions:

- 1) Layout four 2" finished half square triangles right sides together on corners of one Fabric #1, 6-1/2" square as shown:

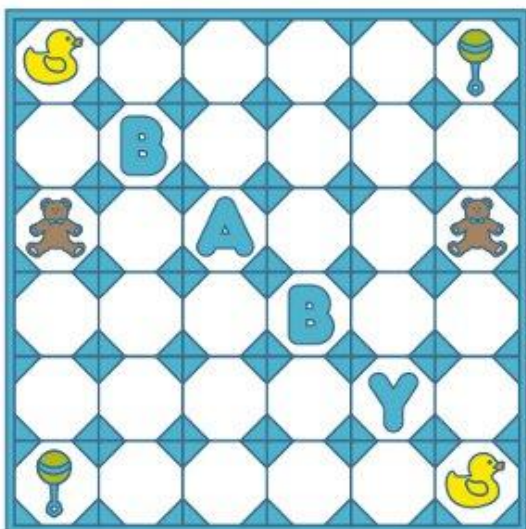


- 2) Pin and sew across long edge of triangles with 1-/4" seam allowances. Trim excess



Fabric #1 beyond triangles. Press seams toward corners to complete “snowball” blocks.

- 3) Make 36 snowball blocks.
- 4) Remove paper backing from appliqué letters.
- 5) Position letters centered on snowball blocks. Fuse according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- 6) Optional: Cut and fuse other fun appliqué shapes to blank squares cut from Baby, Baby (55037) and Lullaby (55038) as shown:



**Quilting and Finishing:**

- 1) Layer batting between quilt top and backing.
- 2) Pin or baste layers together.
- 3) Machine quilt with an all-over design.
- 4) Add binding, mitering corners.

- 7) Machine appliqué edges of appliqué shapes with a narrow zigzag or narrow satin stitch.
- 8) Layout quilt blocks according to diagram.
- 9) Pin and sew blocks into rows. Press seams open.
- 10) Pin and sew rows to complete quilt top. Press seams open.

## AlphaBaby Quilt

By: Amber Carrillo from One Shabby Chick

Throw together personalized baby quilts in just a few hours with this super simple baby quilt pattern. The understated AlphaBaby Quilt features a plain background with an appliqued name in one corner. Use an AccuQuilt cutter for easy appliques!



**Quilt Size:** 36" x 36"

**Time to Complete:** In an evening

### MATERIALS:

- 1 yd. fabric for front of quilt
- 1 yd. fabric for back of quilt
- piece of batting 40" x 45"
- 4 different pieces of fabric scraps approximately 5" x 5"
- 4 pieces of double-sided fusible web (I prefer Heat-n-bond or Steam-a-Seam 2) - approximately 5" x 5"
- Binding fabric - 10" x width of fabric
- AccuQuilt GO! Baby Fabric Cutter
- AccuQuilt GO! Alpha Baby die

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Take your four pieces of fabric scraps and iron the fusible webbing to the wrong side of each piece.



- 2) Place your fabrics wrong side up (paper side up) on your Alpha Baby die. You will want to put two pieces over the "B" and one piece each on the "A" and "Y" so you can spell "BABY" with your pieces.





- 3) Run the fabric through your Go! Baby Fabric Cutter.



- 4) Put your pieces to the side until after you are done quilting.



- 5) Take your two 1 yd. pieces of fabric and iron well. Trim off the selvedge edges from each side. You will be making a whole cloth quilt.



- 6) Spray baste or pin baste the quilt.

- 7) Take your basted quilt and quilt according to your preference. I chose to do a swirly pattern across the entire quilt.



- 8) Trim off the extra batting from each side.



- 9) Take your letters and arrange them on the quilt. You can place them anywhere you want to. I placed mine in the lower right-hand corner.



10) Remove the paper backing and iron each letter onto the quilt. Using a zigzag stitch, straight stitch, or blanket stitch, sew around each letter. *I chose to use a light thread but you can always use a contrasting thread if you want the letters to stand out more.*

11) Take your 10" piece of fabric and cut four 2-1/2" strips. Sew them together to form one long strip for your binding. Attach your binding to your quilt.

12) Machine-stitch or hand-sew your binding.



13) And you are done - a cute baby quilt that is quick, easy and a great present!





## Baby Boy Quilt Patterns

### Archipelago Baby Quilt

By: Shana Kreikemeier from Needly

This unique baby quilt has a pixelated look that might remind you of a string of islands known as an archipelago. The squares in Archipelago Baby Quilt become smaller as you move from the center of the motif to the borders, fading into white.



**Quilt Size:** 42" x 45"

**Time to Complete:** Weekend project

#### MATERIALS:

- 1 yd. Color A (squares)
- 1-1/2 yd. Color B (background)
- 46" x 48" Batting
- 1-1/4 yds. Backing fabric
- Thread and other common quilting notions

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

##### Cutting Directions:

Color A:

- Cut two 4-1/2" strips
  - Cut one down to nine 4-1/2" squares
  - Cut one 4-1/2" square from the other
  - Cut the remainder into a 2-1/2" strip and a 1-1/2" strip
  - Cut (15) 2-1/2" blocks and (20) 1-1/2" blocks
- Cut six 3-1/2" strips
  - Cut one down to (12) 3-1/2" squares
  - Cut one down to eight 3-1/2" squares and five 2-1/2" squares
  - Set aside the other four for borders
- Cut one 2-1/2" strip and cut it down to (16) 2-1/2" squares

Color B:

- Cut seven 4-1/2" strips and then cut them down to the following
  - 40 – 4-1/2" x 1"
  - 40 – 4-1/2" x 1-1/2"
  - 40 – 4-1/2" x 2"
  - 20 – 4-1/2" x 4-1/2"
- Cut five 1-1/2" strips and then cut them down to the following
  - 40 – 1-1/2" x 2"
  - 40 – 1-1/2" x 2-1/2"
- Cut one 3-1/2" strip and cut it down to the following
  - 40 – 3-1/2" x 1"



- Cut one 6-1/2" strip and cut it approximately 14" from the selvage

**Piecing Directions:**

All the blocks are assembled the same. Using the pieces listed for each block type, do the following until all blocks are complete. Use a 1/4" seam allowance.

- Sew the shorter blocks to the center square
- Press the seams toward the outside
- Sew the long side on each side
- Press toward the outside

1) Block A – 10 total

These are the 4-1/2" Color A squares. Done!

2) Block B – 20 total

- Center square – 3-1/2" square
- Short sides – 3-1/2" x 1"
- Long sides – 4-1/2" x 1"

3) Block C – 20 total

- Center square – 2-1/2" square
- Short sides – 2-1/2" x 1-1/2"
- Long sides – 4-1/2" x 1-1/2"

4) Block D – 20 total

- Center square – 1-1/2" square
- Short sides – 2" x 1-1/2"
- Long sides – 4-1/2" x 2"

5) Block E – 20 total

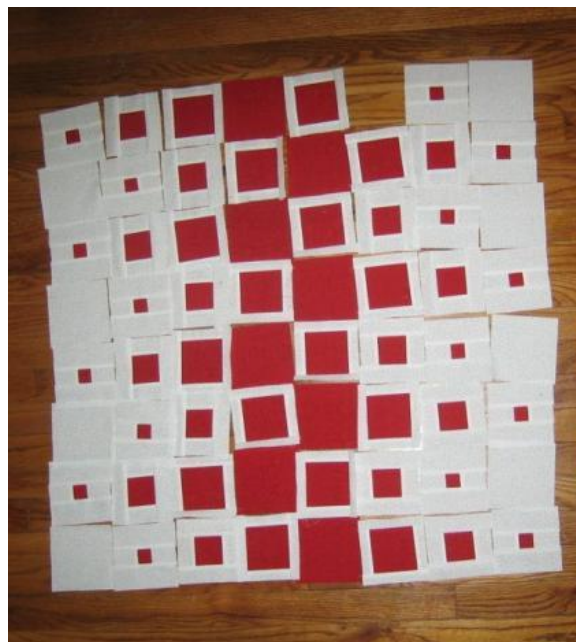
These are the 4-1/2" Color B squares.

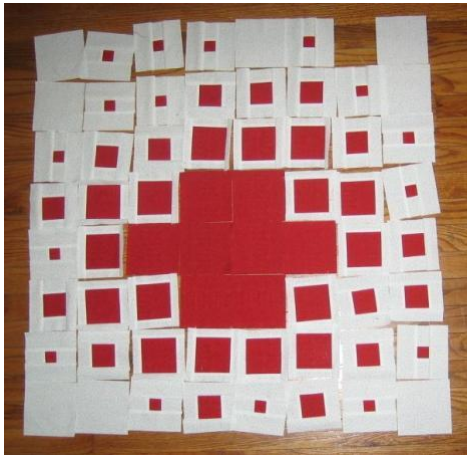
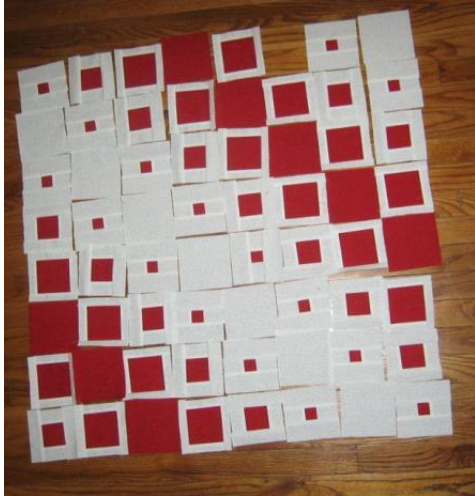
**Center Piecing Directions:**

Sew the blocks together in the following order, press the seams, and then sew the rows together from top to bottom.

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E | D | C | B | A | B | C | D | E
E | E | D | C | B | A | B | C | D
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I played with some alternative layouts, if you're interested in trying something else.





**Borders:**

- 1) Sew shorter borders on the sides. Press the seams.
- 2) Sew the other borders on. Press the seams.



**Backing Fabric:**

I like to piece the backing fabric, both because it looks awesome and because it saves you fabric for quilts that are just a little too wide for 42" backing fabric.

**Strip insert:**

- 1) Sew the remaining seven (four color A, three color B) 2-1/2" squares into a strip, alternating Color A and B. Press the seams.
- 2) Sew the 2-1/2" x 14-1/2" Color B strips on each side. Press the seams.
- 3) Sew the two 6-1/2" wide strips to each end of this piece.

**Finish backing:**

- 1) About 14" in, cut the backing fabric the long way.
- 2) Sew each piece on either side of the insert.
- 3) Press seams.
- 4) Back, quilt, and bind your new quilt

## Streak of Sunshine Baby Quilt

By: Bonnie Hunter from Quiltville

The Streak of Sunshine Baby Quilt is a simple pattern, but the "streak of sunshine" makes it more sophisticated than most easy baby quilt patterns. This tutorial explains a clever method to easily achieve the staircase "streak" effect in your piecework.



**Quilt Size:** 42" x 46"

**Time to Complete:** weekend project

### MATERIALS:

- 4 fabrics at least 9" x 44" EACH OR 8 fabrics at least 4-1/2" x 44" EACH
- Fabric for inner border, at least 2" x 44"
- Fabric for outer border, at least 4" x 44"
- Batting, at least 42" x 46"
- Backing, at least 42" x 46"

### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Cutting Directions:

Quilt center:

Cut EIGHT strips 4-1/2" wide by WOF (width of fabric) which should be between 42" and 44" long. You can choose four different fabrics and cut two strips of each, or you can do all eight strips in different fabrics. Experiment to get different variations!

Inner border:

Cut four strips 2" wide X WOF.

Outer border:

Cut four strips 4" wide X WOF.

#### Sewing Directions:

- 1) Arrange your fabric strips in a manner that pleases you, paying attention to contrast and value. In my example here, I have two teal strips, two cream strips, two different peach strips, and two different light/mediums.



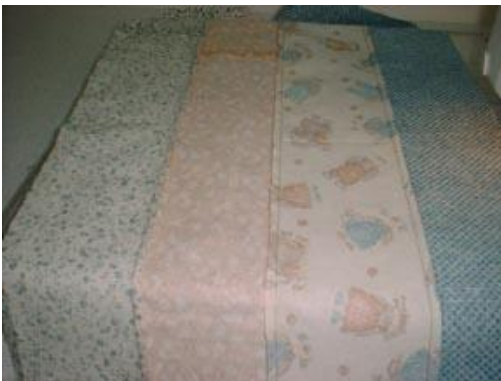
- 2) Place the second strip on top of the first strip and stitch them together along one



long edge. Add the third strip and so on in the same manner until you have all 8 strips sewn into one big panel.



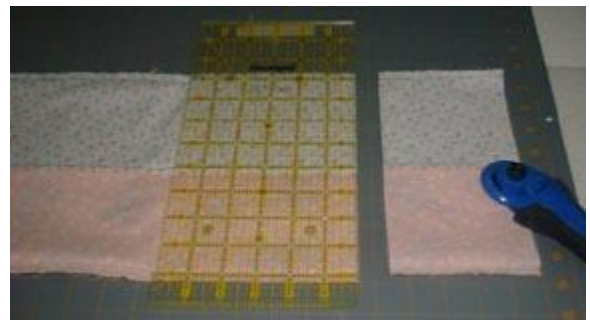
- 3) Pressing is important! Look at the pictures above and below. Can you see how the seams alternate directions? Every other strip will have the seams pressed towards the inside on both sides of the strip; the other strips will have the seams pressed away from them. This is crucial for the next sewing step, so the seams will butt up against each other instead of going in the same direction.



- 4) Fold the panel in half, aligning the first strip with the last strip with right sides together. Stitch from top to bottom, sewing this whole panel into a "tube." You don't have to press this last seam in any direction, just leave it for now.



- 5) Lay the tube-panel on your cutting board, folding it in half and aligning the top edges straight. Square off the edge, and then cut nine cross-sections each 4-1/2" wide. You will have nine loops that look like this:



- 6) Decide which square you would like to be in the top left corner. With your seam ripper, rip out every third or fourth stitch, leaving the square you want at the top. The other square becomes the bottom as you open the loop into one long strip.



- 7) To get the "Streak of Sunshine" effect, our quilt squares are going to have to 'stairstep'. Lay your first long open strip to the left of your machine. Now take the second loop. What was the top square in the first strip is going to become the bottom square in the second strip. This is going to move each square UP a stair-step. Decide where you need to unpick the second loop. Lay it next to the first strip after unpicking to be sure it is right.



- 8) Place the strips right sides together and stitch. Because you alternated the direction in pressing the seams, they will interlock and butt together. Press well. These secondary seams can all go in one direction from this point on. I like to press toward the strip I just added.



- 9) Sew all nine of your pieced strips this way, pressing after each new stairstep is added.

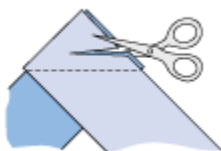


**Border Directions:**

- 1) I like to join my narrow border strips on the diagonal the same way I do for making binding. Form an "L" with the end of two strips with right sides together, and sew from corner to corner. If you look at the diagram, you will see that the top strip is



moved inside the end of the bottom strip, and just a bit up from the edge of the bottom strip. This leaves you two little "V" areas. You want to stitch from the exact V at the top to the exact V at the bottom. I position mine just a bit 'off' this way so that I have a target to shoot for when stitching the seam. Then I trim the excess and press the seam open.



- 2) For small quilts like this, I like to lay the quilt top on my ironing board. I center the quilt top lengthwise on the ironing board, and smooth it out. Not stretching or pulling, just flat. Then I take the border strip that I have just stitched and pressed, and lay it down the center of the quilt top. Smoothing with your fingers and not stretching, be sure that the left edge is right at the left edge of the quilt and it hasn't crept away on you. I cut ALL my borders this way, using the border strips to measure across the center of the quilt, instead of using a measuring tape which may stretch or lay differently than the fabric I am using. My borders always turn out square and straight this way with no ripples.



- 3) Cut two border strips the length of the quilt top. Pin the border to the quilt, matching the center and top and bottom. Stitch the two sides in place, one on the left, one on the right. Press seams towards the borders.



- 4) Now you are going to do the same thing for the top and bottom inner border. Lay the quilt top on the ironing board, centering the quilt on the board, with the borders you have just sewn on your left and right. Smooth. Lay the border strips down across the quilt (including the first borders you just added) and cut two pieces, one for the top and one for the bottom. Pin them to the quilt top with right sides together, matching centers and ends. Stitch. Press seams towards the borders.
- 5) For the outer borders, you are going to follow the same procedure, only using the four 4" strips. When strips get wider than 3-1/2", I like to sew them together straight end to end instead of on the diagonal or bias. This is mostly due to the fact that a bias seam is going to be longer than a straight seam, and because the strip is wide, it will be even more noticeable. There

is also a lot of waste when you are joining wide strips on the bias. The choice is up to you! Sew the outer borders to the long sides of the quilt first, and then add the final top and bottom borders.



6) Quilt and bind as desired.

## Tetris Baby Quilt Pattern

By: Shana Kreikemeier from Needyl

Make bright and cheery baby quilts for parents with a geeky side using the Tetris Baby Quilt Pattern. Find colorful prints in traditional Tetris colors for the quilt blocks. The white square at the center of each block adds an extra geometric touch.



**Quilt Size:** 49" x 55"

**Time to complete:** Weekend project

### MATERIALS:

- 1/4 yd. EACH of six colored fabrics
- 1/2 yd. white fabric (includes 1/4 yd. for the inner border)
- 2/3 yd. fabric for outer border
- 1/3 yd. binding fabric
- 1-2/3 yd. 60" wide backing fabric
- Twin size batting

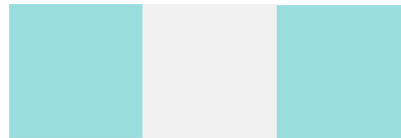
### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Cutting Directions:

- 1) Cut each of the six 1/4 yd. pieces of fabric in 1-1/2" strips. You should have enough fabric for six strips per color (36 total).
- 2) Of each color, cut two strips into 1-1/2" squares, 26 squares per strip.
- 3) Cut the remaining four strips of each color into 3-1/2" x 1-1/2" pieces. You should get 11-12 per strip.
- 4) From the white fabric, cut six 1-1/2" strips. Cut them down to 1-1/2" squares. You should have 144 total.

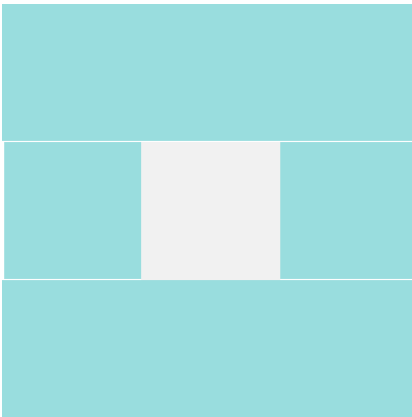
#### Piecing Directions:

- 1) For all the colored 1-1/2" squares, sew them on either side of a white square, like the pic below.



- 2) Press toward the colored square. You now have a 3-1/2" x 1-1/2" rectangle.
- 3) Sew the 3-1/2" x 1-1/2" piece you cut in the matching color to the top and bottom.
- 4) Press toward the outside.

- 5) You now have 3-1/2" squares, like this one.



- 6) Now comes the fun part! Lay out the blocks in different ways until you find the one that you like.



- 7) Once you have the layout you like, sew the blocks together into rows.
- 8) Press the seams.
- 9) Sew together the rows.

**Dimensions for Borders and Binding:**

- 1) First border: 1-1/2" finished width. You need four 2" strips of white.
- 2) Second border: 5" finished width. You need five 5-1/2" strips (2/3 yd.)
- 3) Binding: Six 2-1/2" strips.
- 4) Quilt and bind as desired.



## Framed Charm Squares Baby Quilt

By: AccuQuilt

This free baby quilt pattern is an easy way to make baby boy quilts from a charm pack. Choose a charm pack of fun prints and then frame each square with aqua sashing to create the Framed Charm Squares Baby Quilt for the next baby boy in your life.



**Quilt Size:** 32-1/2" x 32-1/2"

**Time to complete:** Weekend project

### MATERIALS:

- (36) 5" charm squares
- 3/4 yd. sashing fabric
- 3/8 yd. fabric for border
- 3/8 yd. binding fabric
- 1-3/8 yds. backing fabric
- Optional fabric for appliqué
- AccuQuilt Go! fabric cutter
- AccuQuilt Go! strip cutter 1-1/2" (55024)
- AccuQuilt Go! 10" x 24" mat (55113)
- AccuQuilt Go! strip cutter 2-1/2" (55017)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Cutting Directions:

- Cut 13—1-1/2" strips across width of fabric (WOF) for sashing
- Sub cut six 1-1/2" strips into (42) 1-1/2" x 5" rectangles
- Cut 4—2-1/2" strips across WOF for borders
- Cut 4—2-1/2" strips across WOF for binding

#### Sewing Directions:

- 1) Layout 36, 5" charm squares in a pleasing design.
- 2) Pin and sew 1-1/2" x 5" rectangles between charm squares and at both ends of each row. Press seams toward sashing.
- 3) Measure width of middle row of pieced squares and sashing.
- 4) Cut seven, 1-1/2" strips to this measurement.
- 5) Pin and sew trimmed strips between rows of pieced squares to complete quilt center. Press seams toward sashing.
- 6) Add border, adding the sides first, and then top and bottom borders.

*Optional: Appliqué of choice can be added to blocks.*

## Baby Girl Quilt Patterns

### String Block Baby Quilt

By: Sarah from While They Snooze

Add this String Block Baby Quilt to your collection of baby quilt ideas! This quilt pattern is a beautiful baby girl quilt with floral fabrics, but in blue, green, and brown, it's an attractive quilt for either gender.



**Quilt Size:** 32" x 40"

**Time to Complete:** A week or two

#### MATERIALS:

- 6 fat quarters, pre-washed and dried OR a jelly roll
- Backing fabric, at least 32" x 40"
- Notebook paper or copy paper for paper piecing templates
- Batting, at least 32" x 40"
- Free-motion quilting foot for sewing machine
- Elmer's glue stick
- Bias tape for binding

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

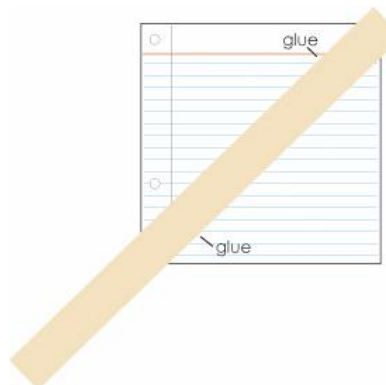
- 1) Randomly cut strips anywhere from 1-1/2" to 3" wide.



- 2) Cut (20) 8" paper squares to use as "templates" for your quilt squares. Your quilt will be 4 squares wide and 5 squares long.



- 3) Use an Elmer's glue stick to lightly stick my center strip, right side up, to each paper square, diagonally, corner to corner. (I used all beige for my center strips so you would really see the diamond pattern when it was done.)



- 4) Tighten up the stitch length on your machine at this point. It's not critical, but it is easier to rip the paper off the backs of these if the stitches are closer together. Set your stitch length just a few notches smaller than normal.
- 5) Place the next strip on top of the center glued down strip, right sides together, aligning one raw edge. Sew along that edge with a 1/4" seam allowance. Don't worry about back stitching at either end; it's all going to get cut off anyway. Sew off both ends, past the edge of the paper slightly. Sew right through the paper.
- 6) Press your seam open with a dry iron. (If you use steam, your paper will curl.)
- 7) Add your next strip to the one you just sewed on, right sides together. Continue this until you cover the entire square. The back will look like this:



- 8) Flip your square over, paper side up, and trim all 4 sides. Now you have a perfect square of fabric. Save your trimmed fabric strips and keep using them! The small ones are perfect for the corners.



- 9) After all of your squares are finished, you can rip the paper off the back. Hold the seam edges as you rip each section or they will unravel.
- 10) Once you have all of your paper ripped off, lay out all of your squares and move them around until you find an order you like.



- 11) Sew each row of squares together, square by square, right sides together. Press each seam. You will have several long strips when this step is done.



- 12) Now that all of your rows are sewn together, sew all of the rows to each other, right sides together.



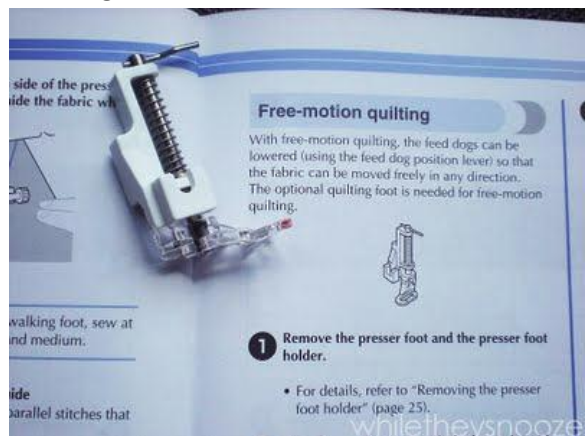
- 13) Now you need to make your sandwich: top layer (that you just finished), batting, and back fabric. Your top layer and back fabric face right sides out. Batting is the "meat" in this sandwich. Make sure all of your pieces are as big as, or bigger than your quilt top.



- 14) Baste your sandwich.  
15) Once your fabric sandwich is basted together, trim everything up so you have an even rectangle again.



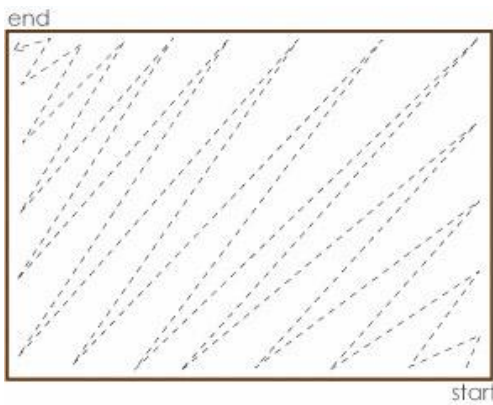
- 16) Time to quilt! Attach the free-motion quilting foot to your machine and put the feed dogs down.



- 17) Start sewing from a corner, and work your way across your quilt in a zigzag motion,



heading towards the opposite corner. Just make your sewing lines wavy and swirly, not straight.



19) Wash and dry your quilt to get any basting glue out and to make it nice and crinkly!



18) Once all of your quilting is done, add a bias tape all the way around.



## Beautiful Baby Rag Quilt

By: Tammy from She Wears Flowers

The Beautiful Baby Rag Quilt is one of those quick and cuddly baby quilt ideas you can put together in just a few hours for an upcoming baby shower or for your own little munchkin. Make this quick baby girl quilt with pretty coordinating fabrics.



**Quilt Size:** 30" x 40"

**Time to complete:** Weekend project

### MATERIALS:

- 1/2 yd. EACH of six (6) different fabrics (100% cotton prints), pre-washed
- Rotary cutter



### INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Cut your fabric into 6" squares using your rotary cutter. You will need 16 squares of each fabric. I stacked mine two at a time, back to back, in alternating directions so the next step would go faster.



- 2) Place two squares of the same fabric back to back with the wrong sides together. Right sides will be out. Sew a line diagonally from one corner to the opposite corner. Do this in both directions so you have made a large X on your square. I eyeballed mine, but you can draw a line from corner to corner using a water soluble pencil if you want to use the line as a sewing guide. Be sure to back stitch securely at each starting and ending point. Because I knew I would be cutting through this later, I backstitched for about 1/2" - 3/4", which is a lot. Cut the extra threads at each starting and ending point.



- 3) When you have completed the X sewing on all of your squares, you should have 48 squares. Lay out your squares in a 6 x 8 grid in the pattern you like best.
- 4) Sew your squares together (1/2" seams) in groups of 6. The first two are easy because it doesn't matter which way they go. Just put them together and sew down the right side. Then open it out so the seam is on top (see picture) and place the new square under the one you just attached. Sew down the right side again. Then, open it out and repeat the process until you have 6 squares sewn together with the seams all on the top.



- 5) Once you have two rows of six squares each, you can sew these together. You can also do this part at the end after sewing all of your rows (8), but I liked doing it as I went along because it seemed like it was going so fast and it kept me from forgetting which squares and rows I wanted together. To sew two rows together, put the sides with no seams back to back and sew together with a 1/2" seam.



- 6) After sewing all of your rows together, stitch all around the outside of your quilt. I sewed each side in a separate line so I could backstitch at the starting and ending points just in case I cut through one side when I cut the fringe.



- 7) Carefully snip approximately every 1/4" all around the edges of the quilt and each seam around the squares. You will cut from the edge towards the stitch line or in your seam allowances which are 1/2" wide. Do not cut through the stitching. If you



accidentally slice one through, go back and sew over it to reinforce that space. Go slowly and carefully to prevent this. Using sharp scissors will help too. Be careful at the corners of the sewn squares; they are thicker and you have to find the right place to cut so that you make a fringe without cutting little rectangles out of each corner. I found it easiest to do all of the horizontal lines and then go back and do all of the vertical lines rather than cutting around each square individually.



- 8) When you have snipped everywhere, lay the quilt across a table or clean floor and run your fingers over each "line" of cut edges to find places you may have missed. Once you are done, shake the quilt firmly several times to get out all of the loose threads.
- 9) Finally, wash your quilt again in warm water. Use a little detergent to help soften the fabric a little more. I also used a fabric softener sheet in the dryer. Dry in the dryer on a medium setting. You may want to check the lint trap halfway through. The snipped edges of your quilt should be curly and frayed.



## One Color Scrappy Baby Quilt

By: Virginia Lindsay from Gingercake

The One Color Scrappy Baby Quilt proves that simple patterns for scrap quilts can be just as attractive as other easy baby quilt patterns. Simply choose an assortment of scraps in one color, and your scrappy baby quilt will have perfect harmony.



**Time to complete:** Weekend project

### MATERIALS:

- Scrap fabric in different shades or prints of the same color, preferably 100% cotton
- Paper for templates
- 1 yd. unwashed cotton flannel
- Iron
- Sewing machine
- Rotary cutter
- Self-healing mat
- Coordinating thread
- Cotton batting, crib-size

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Cut out 2 pieces of paper- one should be 5" x 5" and the other 5" x 2-3/4".

- 2) Cut 28 of the 5"x 5" squares and 56 of the 5" x 2-3/4" squares from your scrap fabrics. Make sure you cut consistently, and cut your scraps with the grain!



- 3) Lay your 5" x 5" pieces out on the floor or a big table top in 7 rows, with 4 big blocks to a row as shown. Leave space for the smaller pieces in between. It should look like the photo below. Use some strategy in laying out lights and darks, prints, stripes, polka dots, etc. Make a quick attempt to spread them out evenly.



- 4) Add the smaller pieces to the layout. I like to alternate the small pieces going horizontal on one row and then vertical on the next. Again, use some quick strategy for placing lights and darks. See the picture below:



- 5) Start sewing your pieces all together. Keep the design intact as you sew, starting with the bottom row and then moving on to the next one. I usually move the entire row up to my sewing desk, complete the row, place it back on the floor, and move on to the next row. Sew all pieces together with a 1/4" seam allowance. Also, back stitch and clip your threads as you go.



- 6) Finger press your seams out as you go since it makes for easy ironing in the end.



- 7) Once you have sewn all 7 rows, you will need to attach them to each other. I usually do 2 at a time and then attach the sections together until I have the entire quilt top finished.



- 8) Iron out the entire quilt top until all your seams are lying nice and flat.
- 9) Cut out a piece of cotton batting that is 1/4-1/2" bigger than the quilt top all around the edge. Iron the top and the batting together and use your hand to spread the quilt top over the batting so it is nice and flat.
- 10) Pin the top and the batting together all around the edge and some in the middle—maybe about 15 to 20 pins all together.
- 11) Sew with a large zigzag stitch all around the outside of the quilt top to attach it to the cotton batting.



- 12) Use your rotary cutter to trim the cotton batting so it is nice and straight and the corners are 90 degrees.
- 13) Lay your yard of unwashed flannel on the floor or big table. Iron it if it is wrinkled. Use your hands to make sure it is nice and flat. Lay the quilt top (attached to the batting now) on top. I usually line it up to a corner, and measure 1-1/2" away. The flannel needs to be 1-1/2" larger than the quilt top all the way around. I use a pencil and my large, clear ruler to mark a straight line.





14) Cut the flannel along the pencil line you drew. Change all the pins to go through the flannel as well as the top and batting.

15) Move over to your ironing board and we will create the binding by folding this extra flannel over the quilt top. Beginning on one side, iron the flannel down toward the quilt top so that the raw edges face each other. See the picture below:



16) Iron it over again so that the flannel folds over the raw edge of the quilt top.



17) Move to another edge and do the same. Make sure you iron the corners well since you need to use the creases made by the iron to make your mitered corners.



18) Once you have all four sides ironed this way, choose one of the corners and unfold it back out.



19) See all those creases made by the iron? They will come in handy here. Next, fold the flannel back under so that the corner is now a straight diagonal line.



- 20) Unfold it again and you will have created another useful crease.



- 21) In the picture above I have the quilt top folded down, but that diagonal crease lines up perfectly with the corner of the quilt top. Make this fold on all 4 corners of the quilt.

- 22) Pinch the corners together, facing away from the quilt top, and place a pin to hold it together at the crease in the middle of the pinch. That sounds confusing, but just pinch it backward and hold it in place with a pin where the crease goes through the middle.



- 23) Sew along the diagonal crease from the folded edge to the pin. The quilt top is still attached but just folded away to make room to sew down the corner. Backstitch and clip your threads.



- 24) Trim off the top edge and do a tiny trim at the corner.



- 25) Lay the quilt top back down and use your finger and a chopstick to poke the corner out.





26) What a pretty mitered corner we are making! Over at the ironing board, before you iron it should look like this:



27) When ironed back to its original folds, it should look like this:



28) Do all four corners the same way. This step is optional but helpful: take out all your pins and iron the piece flat again. Watch for too much material under a binding fold or too little. Make adjustments if needed. When everything is smooth again, put the pins back in again, plus some more! You should have pins about every 6" to hold the layers together.

29) Sew the binding onto the quilt with a 1/8" seam allowance.



30) Once you have the binding sewn on around all four sides, you can start quilting. I usually just "stitch in the ditch". Start at the first seam between two of your cotton squares. Use your fingers to push up that little edge you made on the binding stitch so you begin a little under the binding. Stitch all the way down that "ditch" to the binding on the other side. Lift that side of the binding up a little and finish your line there with a backstitch. Clip your threads.



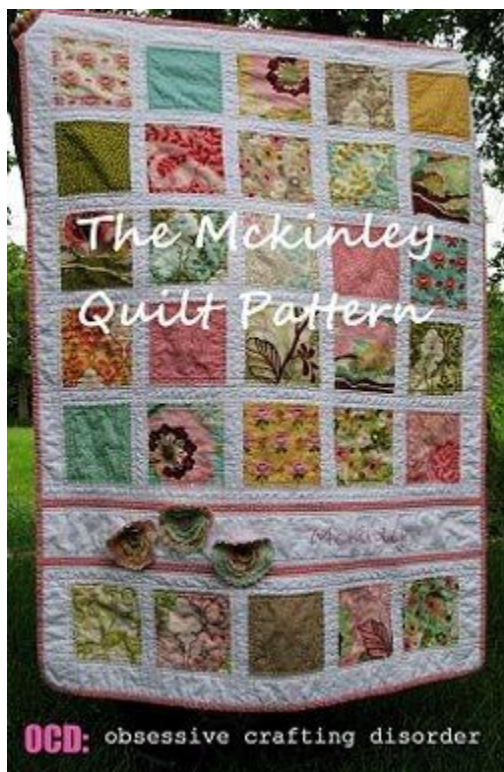
- 31) Go all the way across your quilt where the seams of the large squares and the 2-3/4" x 5" rectangles meet. Then turn the quilt 90 degrees and do the same down those "ditches". When you are finished, you will have a nice boxy grid on the flannel side of your quilt and the quilt will be all sewn together.
- 32) The final step is to wash and dry your quilt. I give mine one last good ironing after the drying and it looks great!



## The McKinley Quilt

By: Kristie from Obsessive Crafting Disorder

The McKinley Baby Quilt is a pretty baby quilt pattern that's easy enough for beginners but attractive enough to give as a gift. Separate charm squares with white sashing and add an embroidered name bar across the piecwork to personalize the quilt.



**Quilt Size:** 30" x 41"

**Time to complete:** A week or two

### MATERIALS:

- 1 charm pack of fabric
- 2/3 yd. fabric for sashing
- 1/2 yd. fabric for binding and trim
- 1 yd. backing fabric
- Coordinating thread

- Embroidery thread
- Buttons
- Batting
- Optional: Paper, tape, and washable quilting marker for tracing name.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Cutting Directions:

- 1) Choose 30 squares from the charm pack for the front and set the remainder aside for flowers. These will be arranged in 6 rows of 5 (5 rows above the name bar, one row below). Determine the order in which you would like the charms to be pieced. Set aside.
- 2) Cut sashing as follows:
  - A- 24 pieces cut 1-1/2" by 5"
  - B- 6 pieces cut 1-1/2" by 27-1/2"
  - C- 2 pieces cut 2-1/2" by 27-1/2"
  - D- 2 pieces cut 2-1/2" by 30-1/2"
  - E- 2 pieces cut 2-1/2" by 8"
  - F- 1 piece cut 3-1/2" by 31"
- 3) Trim fabric (for above and below name bar)- cut 2 pieces 1" by 31"

#### Piecing Directions:

- 1) Make rows by starting with a charm square, then alternating with sashing piece A, using 1/4" seams. Continue across row until you have used 5 charm squares and 4 sashing A pieces, ending with a charm square. Repeat until all 6 rows are made. Press seams.
- 2) To connect rows, start with row 1 and sew a sashing piece B to its bottom border. Add row 2. Continue until you have added 5 of



the 6 rows and 5 of the 6 sashing B pieces. Press seams and set aside. Next, sew the final sashing piece B to the top of row 6. Press seam.

- 3) Attach sashing piece C to the top of the group of 5 rows and to the bottom of the single sixth row. Press.
- 4) Attach the 2 sashing pieces D along the right and left of the 5 row segment and sashing pieces E to the right and left of the sixth row segment.

#### Making the Name Bar:



- 1) Embroider the recipient's name on sashing piece F. This can be done by hand or machine. I used 3 embroidery threads and stitched it by hand. First, I found a font I wanted to use on my computer, printed the name out to scale, then taped it to a window. I positioned the sashing as desired over the print out and taped it in place to secure. Using a washable quilting marker, I traced the name onto the fabric. Next, I completed the embroidery.
- 2) Once you are satisfied with the embroidery, sew trim pieces to top and bottom of

embroidered sashing. Press. Then, sew the top of this band to the bottom of the 5 row segment and the bottom of the band to the top of the single row segment. Square up to trim any excess. Your quilt top is now finished!

#### Finishing Directions:

Prepare quilt back, baste, and quilt as desired. Bind as desired.



#### Making and Attaching Flowers:

To make flowers, gather remaining charm pieces. I used a Big Shot with a Sizzix scallop die to cut the flowers in different sizes and stacked them. However, a template can be created and pieces cut by hand. Stack and arrange the pieces with button centers until it pleases the eye, then hand sew them into place using embroidery thread to match the name stitching.



Fabric centers can also be used if you are concerned about safety with buttons on a baby quilt.



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