

Block of the Month - Checkerboard

Everyone can participate by making a block. We will be discussing how to design borders to go with a main fabric and making test blocks until one is found you like and want to make into a border.

Checkerboard is combination of squares- any size

What makes a block is any combination of four squares or more. The traditional checkerboard block alternates a light and dark fabric. An example is a four or nine patch.

For those participating in block to border.

January -

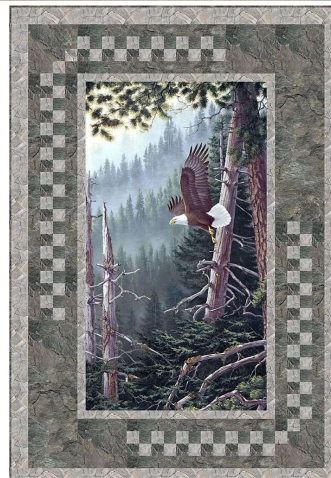
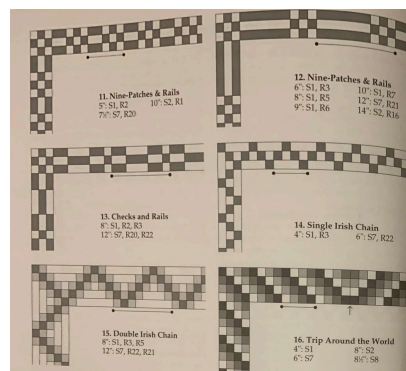
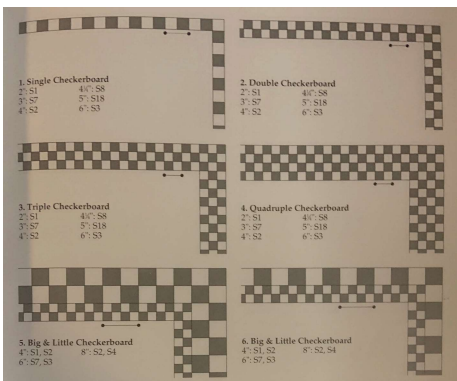
1. Chose a main fabric
2. Chose coordinating fabrics for the borders. Fabrics should reflect colors matching/blending with fabrics in the main fabric. One should be a background fabric that you will need the largest yardage.
3. Think about the finished quilt size
4. Think of panel placement; quilt layout

The above information will,help,you determine how many borders you want to make and the size of the piecing in the borders. Large quilt more borders or larger piecing. Smaller quilt one border, small piecing.

February-

1. Cut small squares of all coordinating fabrics
2. Lay the squares next to the longest side of the main fabric. You are looking to see if the coordinating fabrics blend with the main fabric to use or if you want to change one out. Pick 2-3 color combinations to make sample blocks.
3. Choose a background fabric to use in all the borders. The background color in the center of the main fabric or on the edge of the main fabric usually make a good choice.
4. Below are some block ideas.

Option - Use a rectangle instead of a square. Strips or rails.



Bonus information: Floating or filler border

A filler border is used to add space, size, or interest to the design. Usually a color that stands out.

A floating border is usually made with the background fabric. The fabric that blends with the edge of the main fabric or the background of the borders next to it. The purpose is to make the piecing look like it's floating or to add space between the main fabric or other piecing.

There will be a presentation during the guild zoom meeting every month to show more examples and answer questions. March will discuss the math to determine a border size.