

Quilts For Kids Four-Patch Quilt (Kit Pattern)

Have fun making this quick and easy quilt. A $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance is used for all seams.

Fabric Requirements

15 - $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of focus/print fabric

3 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of fabric A (cut the width of the fabric - approx. 40-44" long)

3 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of fabric B (cut the width of the fabric - approx. 40-44" long)

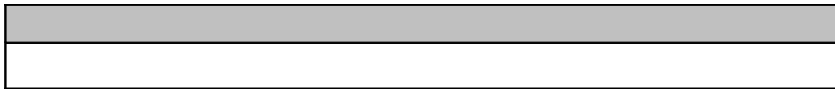
Inner Border Fabric - 4 strips cut $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by width of the fabric

Outer Border Fabric - 4 strips cut $3\frac{1}{2}$ " by width of the fabric.

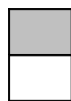
Assembling the Blocks:

The A & B strips are cut the same size as the outer border strips. There are 4 outer border strips and 3 A & B strips. Please make sure to use the correct strips when assembling the blocks.

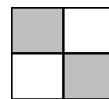
1. Sew one A strip and one B strip together to make a strip set as shown below. Press toward the darker fabric. You will make three of these strip sets.



2. Cut these strip sets into 30 units that measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew these units together to create 15 four-patch blocks that will measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



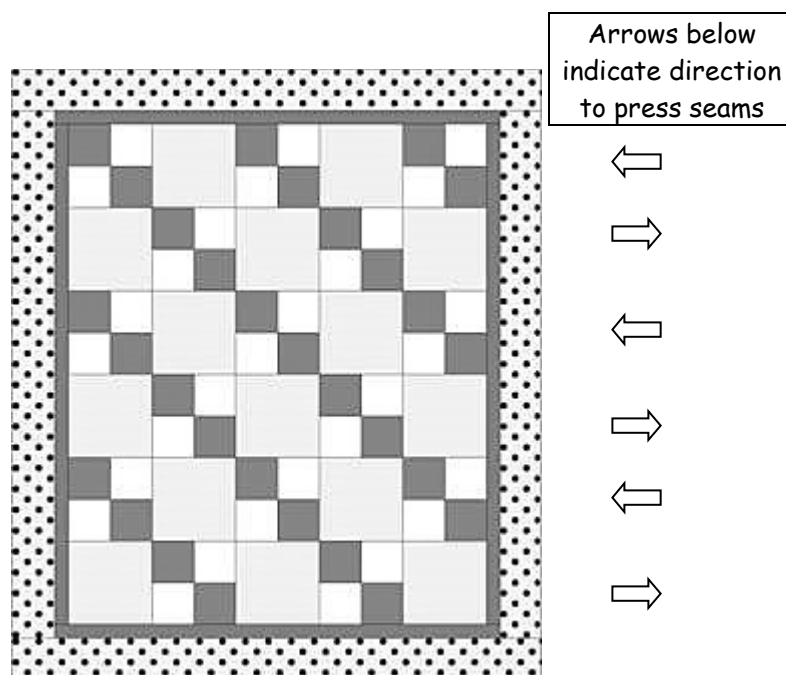
15 - $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " units



Assembling the Quilt:

1. After the four-patch blocks are assembled, lay out your blocks alternating them with the $6\frac{1}{2}$ " focus fabric blocks in a checkerboard pattern (5 across, 6 down) as shown in the diagram on the next page. Make sure your 4-patch blocks are all set in the same direction to create diagonal lines across the quilt.
2. Sew the blocks in each row together and press the seams in the direction indicated in the diagram.
3. Sew rows 1-6 together.
4. Add the side inner (narrow) border strips first. Then add the top and bottom inner border strips.

5. Add your outer (wide) border strips in the same manner as the inner border, first add the side strips and then the top and bottom strips. Your quilt top should look like the diagram below.
6. **BATTING:** Use only 1/8 - 1/4 inch low-loft batting (cotton, polyester or cotton/poly blend). Baste the quilt layers (either with safety pins or a needle and thread) then **MACHINE** quilt. This quilt will be loved and washed many times so make sure that there is enough quilting (every 2-2 1/2") to hold the quilt together for a long time. Remember to add quilting to the borders as well.
7. Sign the label with a **permanent fabric marker**. Machine stitch the label around all four sides to the **bottom back side** of the quilt. You may also add a label of your own.
8. **BINDING:** Bind the quilt as you normally would. The kit **DOES NOT** include fabric to make a separate binding. If you prefer, you can double fold the backing fabric over the front and machine stitch (straight, blanket or zig zag) **OR** sew the quilt "pillow case style" and quilt. Make sure the binding on the front of the quilt is no wider than $\frac{3}{4}$ ". **Don't forget to remove all pins!**
9. Wash and dry the completed quilt. No fabric softener or dryer sheets please. Ship the finished quilt to Quilts For Kids Illinois Chapter, Inc. or check the website www.qfkil.org for a Drop Off Location. Your quilt will bring joy to a child in need.



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Quilt diagram created using software from the Electric Quilt Company