

Banded Checkerboards

97" x 109"

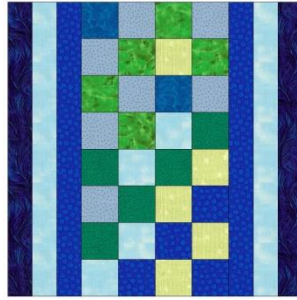
To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- 3 ½ yards of navy blue for strips and border
- 2 3/8 yards of royal blue for strips
- 2 7/8 yards of light blue for strips and inner border
- Approximately 5 yards of various light and dark green and blue 2" strips and squares for checkerboards
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding.

This quilt consists of only one block: It looks like this: It measures $12\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$ before sewing together into the quilt. Use $\frac{1}{4}"$ seam allowances throughout.



Cut:

From navy, light blue and royal blue

- Cut $37\frac{1}{2}"$ strips x WOF (width of fabric) of each color which you will then sew together as a unit and sub cut. You can get 3 strip sets out of each 40" strip. *(If your fabric happens to be wider or you wish to sew together your strips, you won't need as many as 37 strips. Just make a total of 112 such strip sets units.)*

Sew together like this – press:



And then cut:



plus there will be some left over.

Make 112 of these strip sets.

These pieces should measure $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$.

From various scraps and misc. pieces of blues and greens, both light and dark,

- Cut 2" strips.

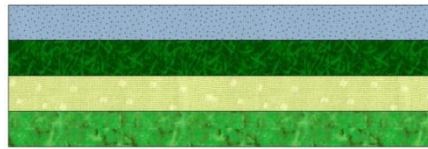
Construct blocks:

The blocks will finish at $12\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$.

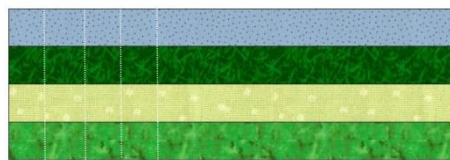
Make your checkerboard pieces: Summary - Using 2" light and dark strips, make strip sets using 4 strips (2 lights and 2 darks) Press. Cut off 2" segments. Sew 2 of these strip sets together so they are they are 8

squares long keeping with the light/dark pattern. Always press the same direction so the seams will nest when you sew 4 of these strips together.

Here are diagrams and detailed instructions: Find 4 strips approximately the same length. Sew together like this:



Cut off 2" segments like this:



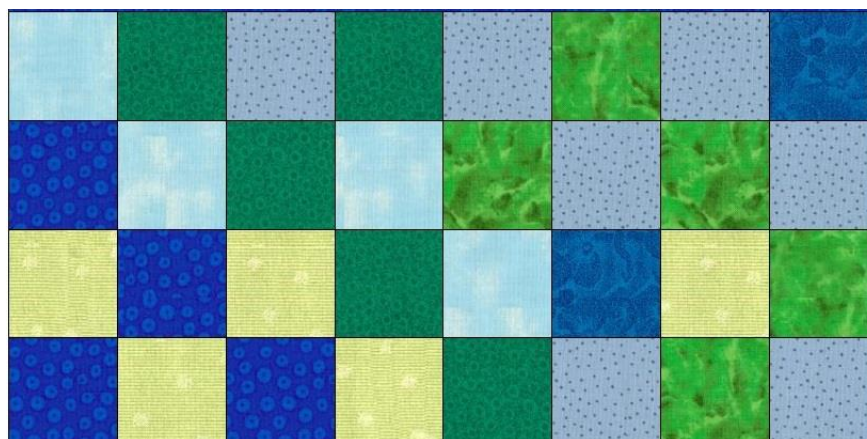
Do a lot of these in various color combinations, keeping light/dark pattern. Make a LOT! You will need 448 of these little strips of 4.

When you get a nice variety of these, sew 2 of these little strips of 4 together to make a strip of 8.



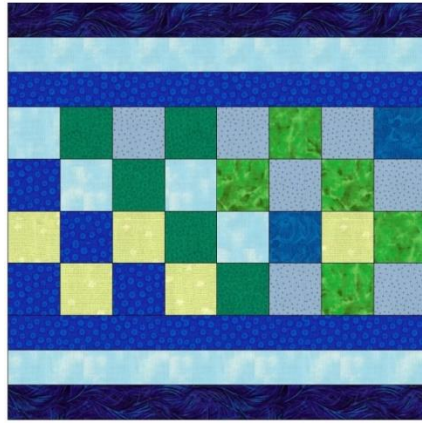
You will need a total of 224 of these strips. Press either towards the dark square on the end or the light – but do them all the same.

Once you have these strips, sew them together into a 4x8 grid like this:



I call these the checkerboards. They should measure 6½"x12½".

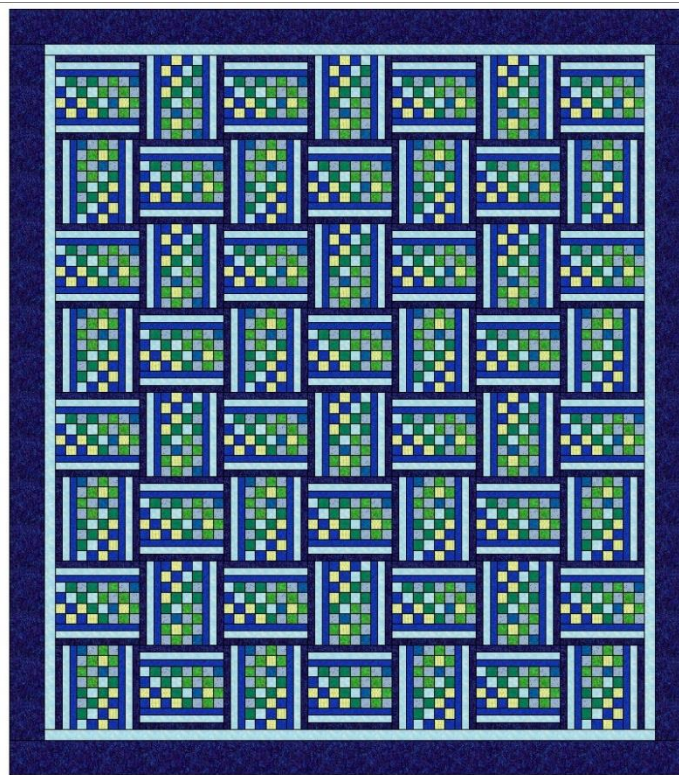
Add the bands that you made previously (under "Cut"). Sew the royal blue next to the checkerboards. Press.



Make 56 blocks.

How to make this quilt:

1. **Construct your blocks.**
2. **Place blocks as in this diagram** by putting every other block at a 90 degree angle to the one beside it.
Using this diagram put your blocks as indicated. Ignore the borders for the moment.



3. **Sew the blocks together** as per the layout.
4. **Borders:**
 - Cut light blue strips 2" x WOF. Sew together to get a length approximately right and lay across the middle of the quilt to measure. Sew on both sides. Repeat for top and bottom.
 - Cut navy blue strips 5½" x WOF. Sew together pieces to get long pieces. Lay across the middle of the quilt to fit. Cut. Sew on the sides. Repeat for the top and bottom.
5. **Press well.**

6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
7. **Quilt** as desired. The quilt is so busy, I just did a simple stipple.



8. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations!

Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!