

Swingin' Checkerboards

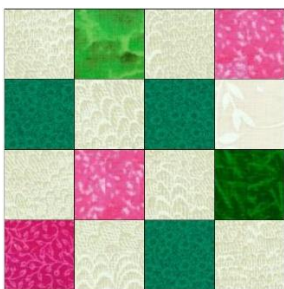
Quilt finishes at about 93x102"

To make the quilt pictured:

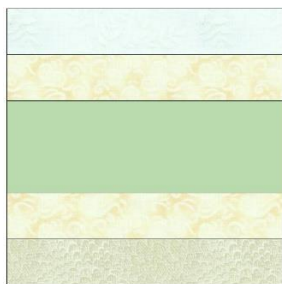


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This quilt is made up of 2 different 6½" blocks – and they look like this:



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You need:

- About 3½ yards of various green and pink fabrics for the checkerboards I used 2" strips already cut up and in my bags of 2" strips.
- About 2¾ yards of light green for rail fence block (center piece) and side setting triangles
- 1 yard of pure white
- About 6 yards of cream or off white (for the cream part of the rail fence blocks and the light part of the checkerboard block)
- About 5/8 yard of fabric for the binding.

Cut:

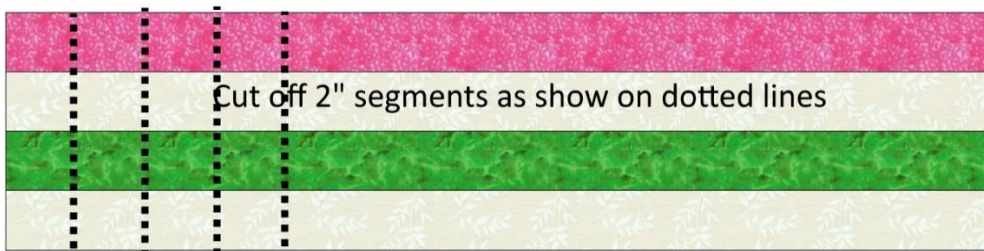
Note: I used already cut 2" strips of greens pinks which I pulled out of a bag of already cut up strips.

For your 16 patch blocks:

Cut 1056 2" squares of cream or white or soft white and 1056 2" squares of green and pink
OR you can strip piece and make 528 strips of 4 like this:



In order to strip piece, simply sew together 2" strips of pink/cream/green/cream and press. Cut off 2" segments. Do this over and over again until you have 528 of these. This is how I usually do these, though not always. If I already have some cut up 2" squares, I will piece such strips individually occasionally.



For your rail fence blocks:

Cut

From white:

- 110 strips 1.5"x6.5"

From various creams:

- 330 strips 1.5"x6.5"

From light green:

- 110 strips 2.5"x6.5"

For side setting triangles:

- 11 - 10" squares cut twice diagonally like this: - This will give you 44 side setting triangles (you will need 42). Mix up the colors a bit, choosing a variety of light greens. (These will be a bit too big—you can trim off before you bind.)



For the corner setting triangles:

- 2 – 6" squares, cut once across on the diagonal. Use light green. This will give you 4 corners. They will be a bit too big. Trim after all is quilted and before you bind.



Construct blocks:

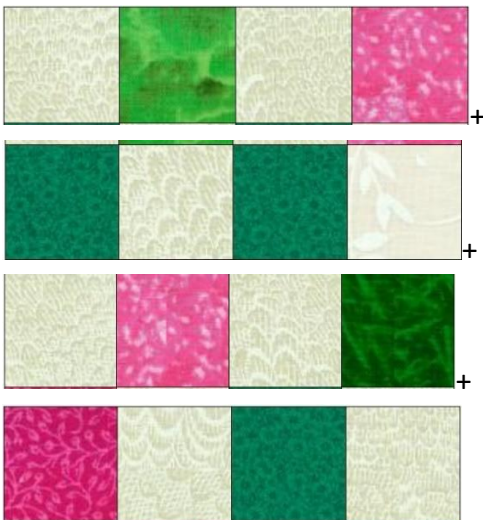
For the 16 patch checkerboard block:

Either strip piece by making strip sets of white or cream/pink or green/white or cream/pink or green and cut off 2" segments to make a segment like this:

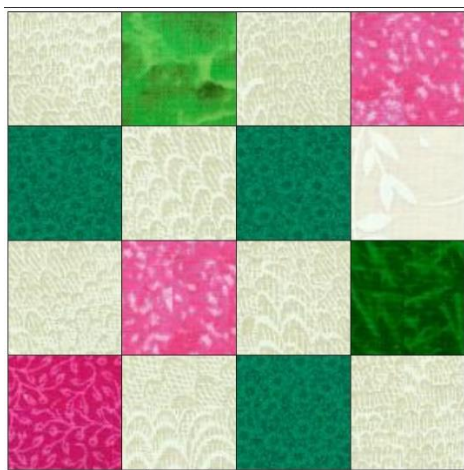


OR simply sew your 2" squares together using ¼" seam allowance to make a strip of 4. For each block you will need 4 such strips.

Put your blocks together like this:



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Press towards the colorful squares. Your block will finish at 6.5" square at this point.
Make 132.

For your rail fence block:

For each block you need one pure white and 3 creams cut 1.5"x6.5" AND one light green cut 2.5"x6.5".

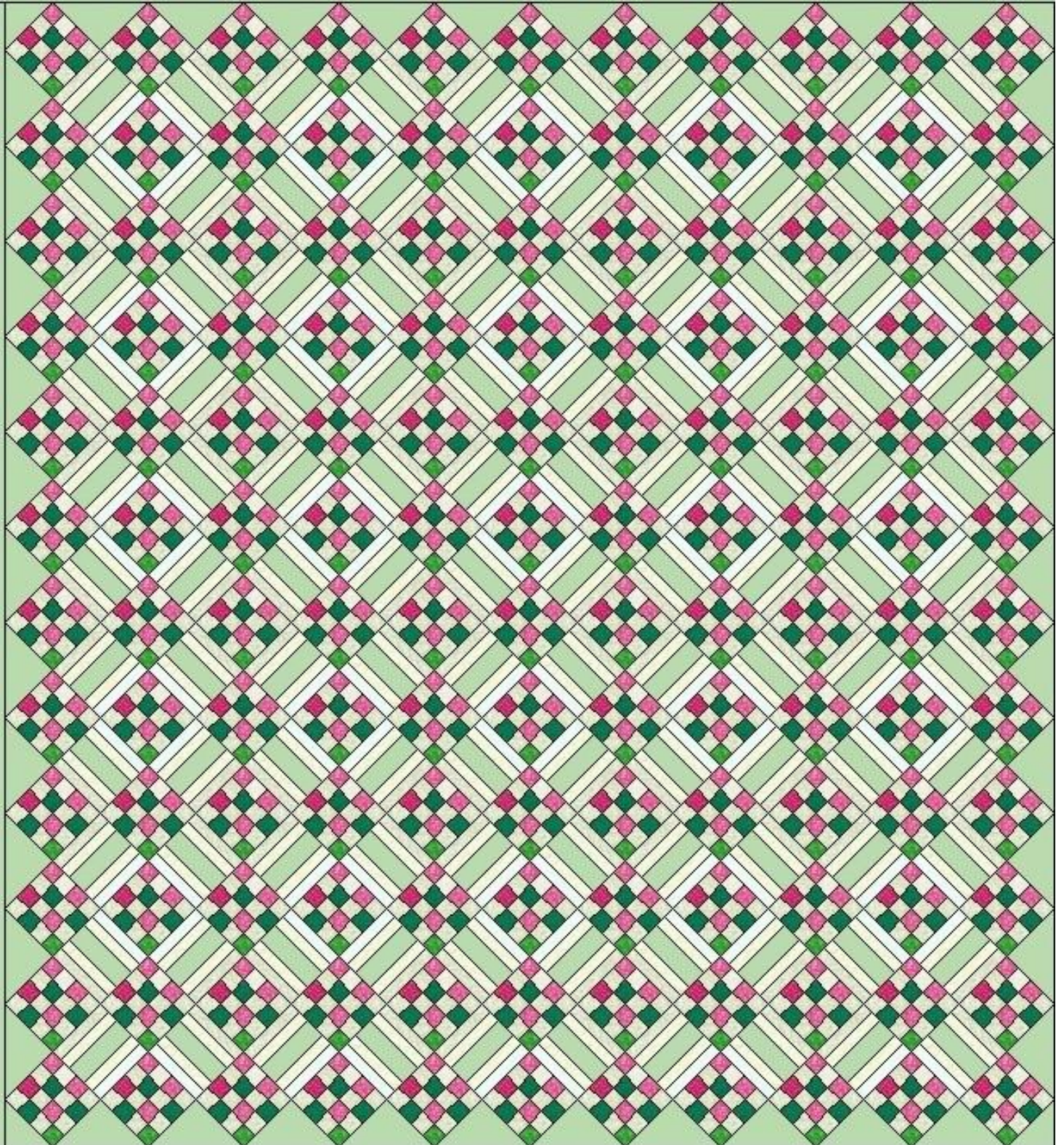
Sew the strips together as pictured. Use ¼" seam allowance.

Cut 1.5"x6.5" (white)
Cut 1.5"x6.5" (cream)
Cut 2.5"x 6.5"
Cut 1.5"x 6.5" (cream)
Cut 1.5"x6.5" (dif. cream)

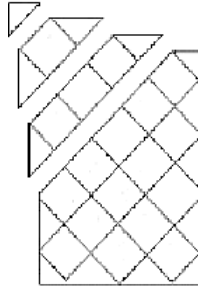
Make 110. They should finish at 6.5" square

How to put together this quilt:

1. Make blocks as described above.
2. To make the center, using the diagram below, lay out the blocks and sew together in rows. Watch the placement of the rail fence blocks and the white/cream. I placed my whites so they surrounded the checkerboard blocks on every other row. It makes for a subtle difference when looking at the top. It will be more noticeable once I finish the whole thing and get pictures outside.



For constructing a quilt top on point use this drawing to help you. Start in the corner like this drawing shows and add one row at a time. I put the corners on last.



Here is a good article about putting blocks on point.

http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content_downloads/Setting_Blocks_On_Point.pdf

3. **Press well.**
4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
5. **Quilt** as desired. I quilted with swirls and curls/circular motions



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

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!
Enjoy!

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