

Teddy Bear and Doll Quilts

Quilts for stuffed animals and dolls can be as simple or as complex as you want. A finished size of 18" x 18" to 24" x 24" will be large enough to wrap most animals or dolls.

General Instructions: Simplest construction is done pillowcase fashion, with no separate binding. Piece the top in a pattern of your choice. Baste the top to a piece of batting, then trim away any excess batting. Place the top right sides together with the backing fabric, so that the batting is facing up. Stitch all around, with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam, leaving a 6" opening for turning. Trim the corners and turn the quilt right side out. Press carefully, and topstitch all around about $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the edge. This will close the opening. Quilt as desired.

Some design ideas:

The Checkerboard:

The easiest quilts to make use squares stitched together randomly or in a pattern, with or without borders. Cut the squares 4" or 5". Thirty 4" squares sewn in a 5 x 6 checkerboard will make a quilt that is about 18 by 20 inches.



Checkerboard with Borders:



Fussy Cut Checkerboard:



Strip quilts:

Another easy option can be made with leftover 2½" strips. Strips cut 6½" long can be stitched into a simple pattern known as Rail Fence. Twelve Rail Fence blocks will make a quilt 18" by 24".

