

Best Friends Forever

Designed by Nancy Spornitz (55" x 67")

Fabric Requirements:

5/8 yd BFF panel (1 panel) pfc #170417
1 yd BFF girl friends (4 full rows) #170414
1/2 yd BFF blocks (2 rows) #170412
1 1/2 yd painters canvas coffee #166409
1/2 yd urban cowgirl ditsy mud (for frames) #166300
1/2 yd dark red for narrow borders
1 yd BFF sepia dots for checkerboard #170415
1 yd BFF dark brown dots for checkerboard #170416
4 yd BFF Kid Scenes for backing #170413
63" x 75" piece of batting

Cutting:

***wof means width of fabric**

Sepia dots: 16 strips 1 1/2" x wof for checkerboard
Dark brown dots: 16 strips 1 1/2" x wof for checkerboard
From panel cut largest square 14 1/2" x 14 1/2"
Four smaller squares 9 1/2" x 9 1/2"

Smallest blocks: 6 1/2" x 6 1/2"

Dark brown painters canvas: 6 strips 4 1/2" x wof for last border
6 strips 2 1/2" X wof for binding
2 strips 1 1/2" x wof, subcut into 2 strips 1 1/2" X 14 1/2"
and 2 strips 1 1/2" x 16 1/2" to frame center block
4 strips 3/4" x wof narrow frame on corner blocks, subcut 8 strips
3/4" x 9 1/2" and 8 strips 3/4" x 10"

Urban cowgirls ditsy mud: 5 strips 1 1/4" x wof, subcut 8 strips 1 1/4" x 10" and
8 strips 1 1/4" x 11 1/2" to frame corner blocks
8 strips 1" x wof, subcut 16 strips 1" x 6 1/2" and
16 strips 1" x 7 1/2" to frame small blocks

Dark red: 2 strips 1" x wof for flange around large center block
6 strips 1" x wof for inner narrow border around quilt

Girlfriends print (rows): Cut 4 strips 6 1/2" x wof and piece into
2 strips 6 1/2" x 46 1/2" for top and bottom rows on quilt center

Frame squares with the correct strips and arrange them according to the diagram.

To make the dark red flange on the large center square fold the 1" strip in half the long way (wrong sides together) and press. Cut four pieces 14 1/2" long to fit the edges of the center square and stitch the raw edge to the edge of the square with a 1/8" seam. Then add the dark frame to the block.

Make checkerboard squares:

Using the 24 strips of 1 1/2" x wof of dark dots and 24 strips of 1 1/2" x wof of light dots, sew one dark strip to one light strip, long sides together 24 times, always keeping the light strip on top when sewing. Now sew these pairs together still keeping the light strip on top when stitching. Continue sewing the strip sets together until you have 3 sets of 16 strips alternating light, dark, light, dark, etc. Press all seam allowances toward the dark strips.





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Now cut the strip sets into a total of 66 strips that are $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 16\frac{1}{2}''$. From these strips make the checkerboard sections to fit the sizes in the diagram. Start by making 8 sets with four strips each for the $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 16\frac{1}{2}''$ sections. The seam allowance on each strip will be reversed so it is easy to match the cross seams. When making the sections with odd numbers of squares (7, 9, 11, or 15) turn the strips so the seam allowances are going in alternating directions and make sure the light and dark squares alternate to make the checkerboard. Remove squares from the $16\frac{1}{2}''$ long strips to make the smaller sections the correct size before sewing the strips together.

Lay out the framed squares and checkerboard sets to form the quilt center and sew the pieces together.

Add the top and bottom rows.

Then add borders. Layer and quilt as desired.

