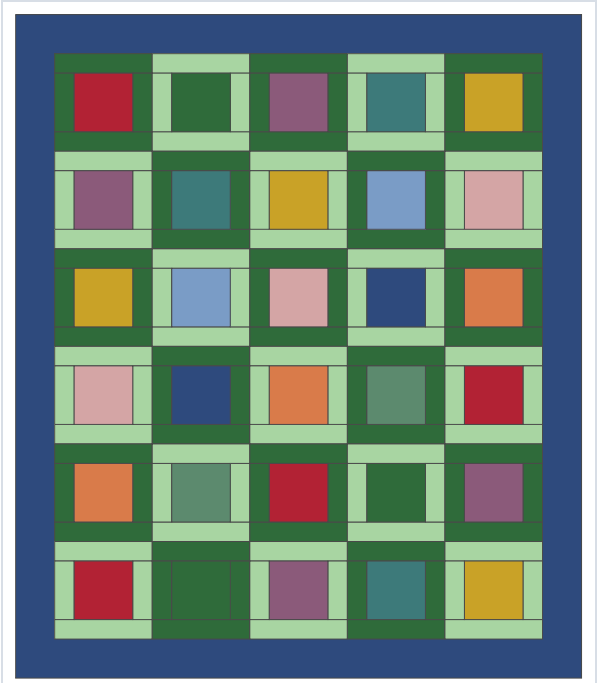
Framed squares throw

Finished size: 58 x 68 in **Level:** Beginner **Seams to sew:** 159



Each block is a print square inside a two-color frame, set in a checkerboard of dark and light frames.

What it teaches: Adding pieces in order around a center, the same move used in log cabin blocks.

Fabric requirements

Fabric	Used for	Amount
Prints for centers (scrappy)	centers	1 yd
Frame A	short frame pieces, long frame pieces	1 yd
Frame B	short frame pieces, long frame pieces	1 yd
Border and binding	border, binding	1 1/2 yd
Backing	two panels, 66 in long	3 3/4 yd
Batting	at least 66 x 76 in	one piece

> All cutting sizes include a 1/4 in seam allowance. Yardage assumes 40 in of usable fabric width and adds 2 in per fabric for straightening the first cut. Each amount is rounded up to the next 1/8 yd. Backing and batting are 4 in larger than the top on every side.

Cutting

Prints for centers (scrappy)

- Cut 5 strips 6 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 30 centers, 6 1/2 x 6 1/2 in (6 per strip).

Frame A and Frame B (from each)

- Cut 5 strips 2 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 30 short frame pieces, 2 1/2 x 6 1/2 in (6 per strip).
- Cut 2 strips 10 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 30 long frame pieces, 10 1/2 x 2 1/2 in (16 per strip).

Border and binding

- Cut 7 strips 4 1/2 in wide across the width for the border.
- Cut 7 strips 2 1/2 in wide across the width for the binding.

Sewing the top

1. Make 15 blocks with Frame A and 15 with Frame B. For each block, sew a short frame piece to the left and right sides of a center square. The unit should measure 10 1/2 x 6 1/2 in.
2. Sew a long frame piece to the top and the bottom. Press toward the frame. The block should measure 10 1/2 in square.
3. Lay out 6 rows of 5 blocks, alternating Frame A and Frame B like a checkerboard.
4. Sew the blocks into rows and join the rows. The center should measure 50 1/2 x 60 1/2 in.
5. Join the 7 border strips end to end with straight seams and press the seams open. Measure the center from top to bottom through the middle; it should be 60 1/2 in. Cut two border pieces that long and sew them to the sides. Measure across the middle, borders included; it should be 58 1/2 in. Cut two pieces that long and sew them to the top and bottom. The top should measure 58 1/2 x 68 1/2 in.

Finishing

1. Cut the backing into two pieces 66 in long (each the full width of the fabric). Sew them together along the 66 in sides with a 1/4 in seam. That makes a backing at least 66 x 76 in. With 108 in wide backing, 1 7/8 yd is enough, in one piece.
2. Cut the batting at least 66 x 76 in. Lay the backing right side down, then the batting, then the top. Baste and quilt.
3. Trim the batting and backing even with the top. Join the 7 binding strips with diagonal seams, press the binding in half lengthwise and sew it on. You need about 264 in of binding.

> We worked out these sizes from the cutting list and have not sewn this quilt. Make one row or block first and measure it against the size given in the steps before you cut everything. More free beginner patterns: wtcquilt.com/quilting/easy-quilt-patterns-for-beginners.html