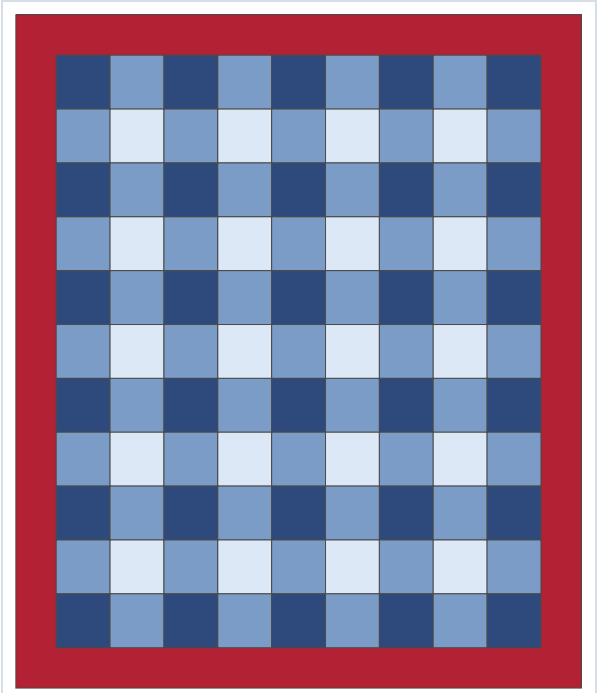
Gingham baby quilt

Finished size: 42 x 50 in **Level:** Beginner **Seams to sew:** 106



Three shades of one color in a check, like gingham cloth. Every square is the same size, so the work is in the layout.

What it teaches: Matching seams so the corners meet, with seams pressed to nest.

Fabric requirements

Fabric	Used for	Amount
Dark	squares	5/8 yd
Medium	squares	1 yd
Light	squares	1/2 yd
Border and binding	border, binding	1 yd
Backing	two panels, 50 in long	2 7/8 yd
Batting	at least 50 x 58 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

Dark

- Cut 4 strips 4 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 30 squares, 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 in (8 per strip).

Medium

- Cut 7 strips 4 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 49 squares, 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 in (8 per strip).

Light

- Cut 3 strips 4 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 20 squares, 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 in (8 per strip).

Border and binding

- Cut 5 strips 3 1/2 in wide across the width for the border.
- Cut 6 strips 2 1/2 in wide across the width for the binding.

Sewing the top

1. Lay out 11 rows of 9 squares. The six odd-numbered rows alternate dark and medium, with dark at both ends (5 dark, 4 medium).
2. The five even-numbered rows alternate medium and light, with medium at both ends (5 medium, 4 light).
3. Sew the squares in each row together. Press the seams in the odd rows to the left and in the even rows to the right, so they nest when the rows meet.
4. Join the rows. The center should measure 36 1/2 x 44 1/2 in.
5. Join the 5 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 44 1/2 in. Cut two border pieces that long and sew them to the sides. Measure across the middle, borders included; it should be 42 1/2 in. Cut two pieces that long and sew them to the top and bottom. The top should measure 42 1/2 x 50 1/2 in.

Finishing

1. Cut the backing into two pieces 50 in long (each the full width of the fabric). Sew them together along the 50 in sides with a 1/4 in seam. That makes a backing at least 50 x 58 in. With 108 in wide backing, 1 1/2 yd is enough, in one piece.
2. Cut the batting at least 50 x 58 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 6 binding strips with diagonal seams, press the binding in half lengthwise and sew it on. You need about 196 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