## Quilts For Kids Nine Patch Quilt

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Your kit should include the following:
10-8" squares of focus/print fabric
4-3" strips of fabric $A$
4-3" strips of fabric B

Please include the original packing slip with your quilt so we can mark it as returned in our data base. Thank you.
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4-1 1/2" strips of Inner Border Fabric
4-31/2" strips of Outer Border Fabric*
*could be matching or complementary focus fabric

Assembling the Blocks: Remember - $a \frac{11^{\prime \prime}}{}$ seam allowance is used for all seams.

1. Cut one strip of fabric $A$ and one strip of fabric $B$ in half (making them approximately 20-21" long).
2. Sew two strip sets together as follows (one set with the long strips and one set with the shorter strips). Press toward the darker fabric.

| Fabric A |
| :--- |
| Fabric B |
| Fabric A |


| Fabric $A$ |
| :--- |
| Fabric B |
| Fabric A |

3. Sew one strip set together as shown below. Press to the darker fabric.

## Fabric B

Fabric A
Fabric B
4. Cut these strip sets vertically into 3 " strips. Sew the sets together to create 10 Nine-Patch blocks that measure 8" square.


Note: Your 9-patch blocks should measure 8" square. If they are smaller than 8", trim the focus fabric squares to match the size of the 9-patch blocks.

1. After the Nine Patch blocks are assembled, lay out your blocks alternating them with the 8" focus fabric blocks in a checkerboard pattern as shown in the diagram.
2. Sew the blocks in each row together and press the seams in the direction indicated in the diagram. Then sew rows 1-5 together.
3. Add the side inner borders first. Then add the top and bottom inner borders.
4. Add outer borders in the same manner as the inner borders (first adding side borders, then adding top and bottom borders). Your quilt should look like the diagram below.
5. Layering the quilt - Use only 1/8-1/4 inch LOW LOFT batting. Baste the quilt layers together (either with safety pins or a needle and thread) then MACHINE quilt. Or, you may choose to pillowcase/birth the quilt before quilting. This quilt will be loved and washed a lot so make sure that there's lots of quilting to hold up to daily hospital washings (Recommended quilting shown below). Unless you pillowcased/birthed the quilt, bind the quilt as you normally would using either a traditional binding or fold the backing to the front of the quilt. To use backing as a binding, cut the batting even with the top of the quilt and the backing an inch larger. Double fold backing to front of the quilt and topstitch. REMOVE ALL PINS! No hand tied quilts.
6. Sign the label with a permanent fabric marker. Place label on BACK of quilt and machine stitch around all four sides.
7. Wash and dry the completed quilt. Ship the finished quilt to Quilts for Kids headquarters. Your quilt will bring joy to a child in need.


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