

Squares and Stripes Picnic Quilt

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Make it Do Pattern



Summer memories are made at a picnic.
Spread out a quilt in the shade of a big tree,
enjoy a cool drink, good food
and even better company.
Or simply lay back
and watch the clouds roll by.

Squares and Stripes Picnic Quilt
is easy to make and high in style.



Materials List and Piecing Instructions for a 65" x 81" Picnic Quilt

- 1 ½ yards 100% cotton fabric- black polka dot
- 1 ½ yards 100% cotton fabric- white
- 2 ½ yards 100% cotton fabric- green for stripes
- ½ yard 100% cotton fabric- green for binding
- 5 yards- 100% cotton fabric – for the backing
- We use 100% Hobbs Heirloom Quilt Batt

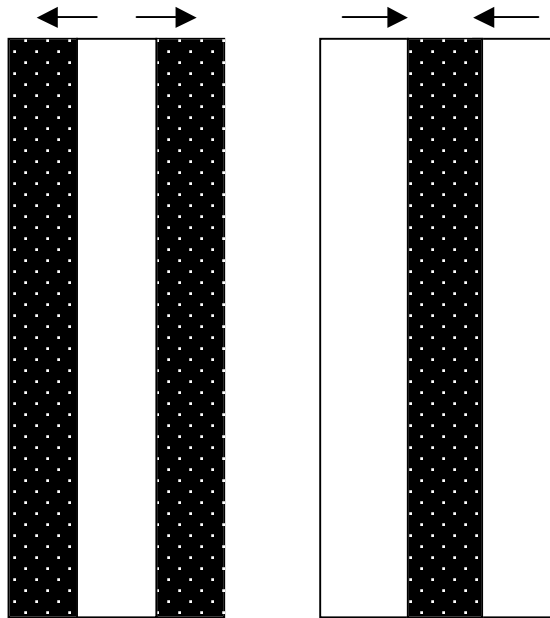
A few notes about fabrics:

- We have used specific colors in the pattern instructions. But, of course, use what you love...
- For the backing, we used a lightweight, very dark denim. A fabric that spends its time on the ground should be chosen to hide stains and withstand wear.

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Instructions:

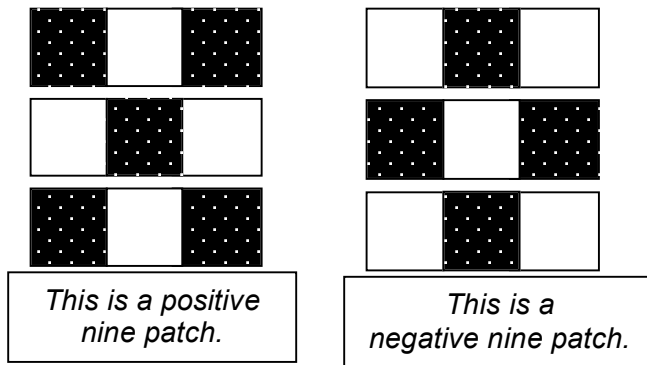
1. Cut three dark dot strips and three light strips the width of the fabric 3 1/2" wide x 45" long (from selvage to selvage.)
2. Sew them together lengthwise as shown. Press seam allowances toward the dark fabric. (Arrows indicate pressing instructions.)



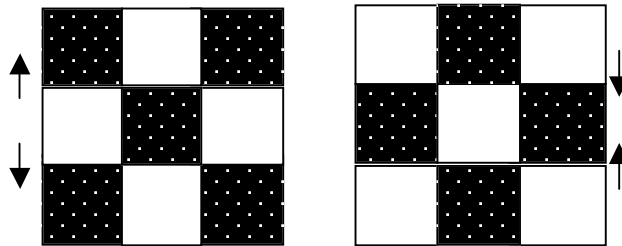
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have 6 sewn together units of each.
4. Cut these 12 units into 3 1/2" wide units. You should be able to cut 12 units per strip.



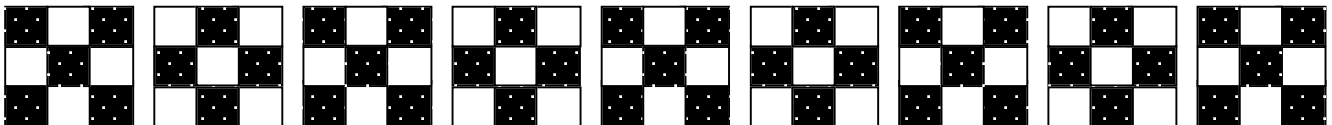
5. From these units make 23 positive nine patch blocks and 22 negative nine patch blocks, each measuring $9\frac{1}{2}$ " square unfinished.



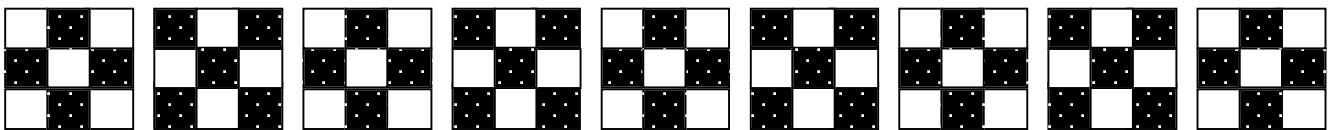
6. Press seams as shown by arrows.



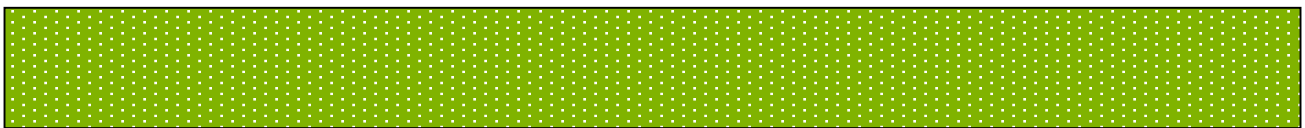
7. Arrange the nine patch blocks in row, starting with a positive nine patch block. Next comes a negative nine patch block. Next a positive nine patch block. Repeat this pattern until you've used 5 positive nine patch blocks and 4 negative nine patch blocks. See the illustration.



8. Sew the squares together. Press each seam toward the positive nine patch block.
9. Repeat this row 2 more times.
10. Next arrange a negative nine patch block, then a positive nine patch block, next a negative nine patch block. Repeat this pattern until you've used 5 negative nine patch blocks and 4 positive nine patch blocks.

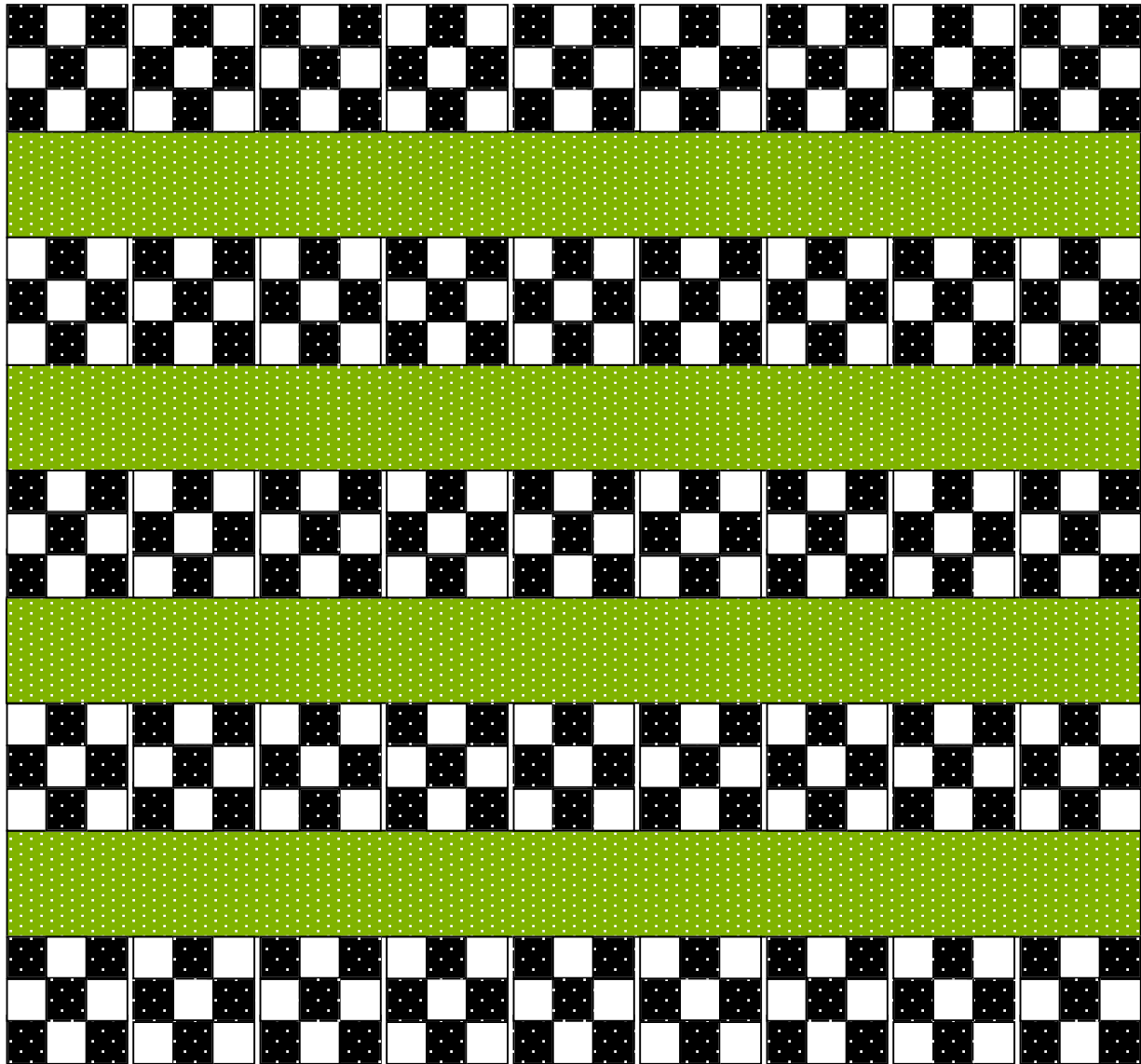


11. Sew the squares together, pressing each seam toward the positive nine patch.
12. Repeat this row one more time.
13. Cut 4 strips of green fabric 5 1/2" x 90" (2 1/2 yards). Make sure the ends are square. (This is longer than needed but you will be trimming them in step 14)



14. Stack your 4 green strips and even one end. Take the 4 green strips and lay them on top one of your pieced nine patch units. Pin them together and cut the green strips even with the nine patch unit. This measures your green strips evenly and accurately without the need for a measuring tape.

15. Arrange your quilt according to the layout shown below.



16. Working one row at a time, find the center of your pieced nine-patch unit and the center of your green strip, pin and stitch together. Use ample pins for accuracy. Press toward the green strips.

17. Machine or hand quilt as desired. (You can even tie.) Bind your quilt.

Happy Picnicking!