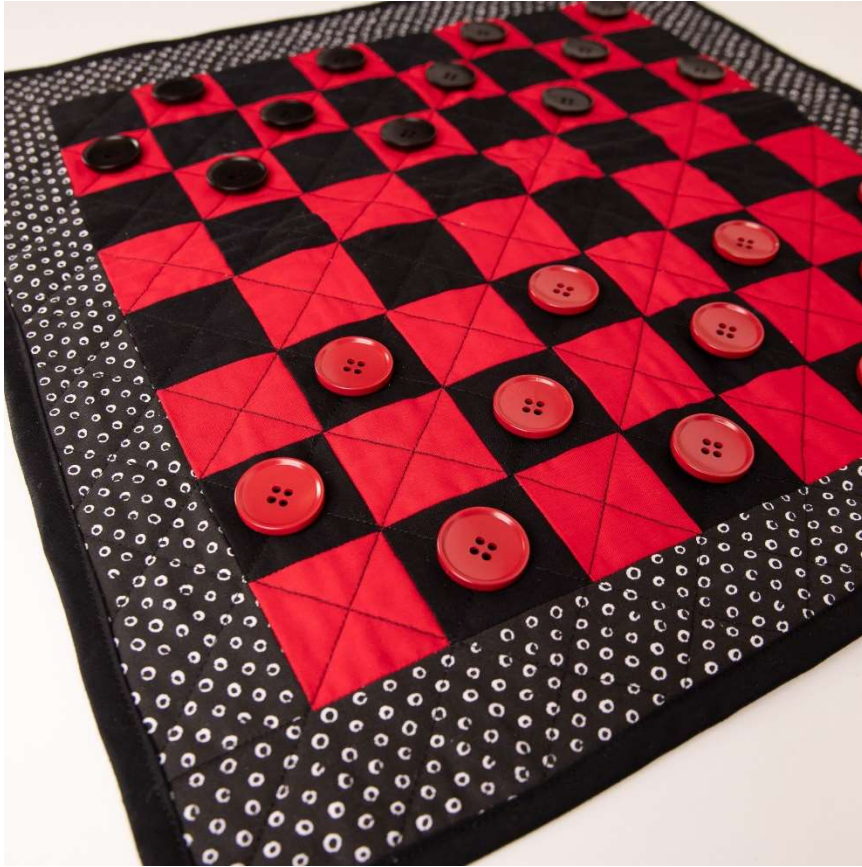


Quilted Checkers Game Board



For your next family road trip, you can make this quilted checkers game board. It rolls up neatly so it's easy to travel with. The game pieces are simply large red and black buttons! The quilt squares and game pieces are cut using your crafting machine, and then the game board is sewn using your sewing machine. Finished size approximately 24" x 24" (61cm x 61cm).

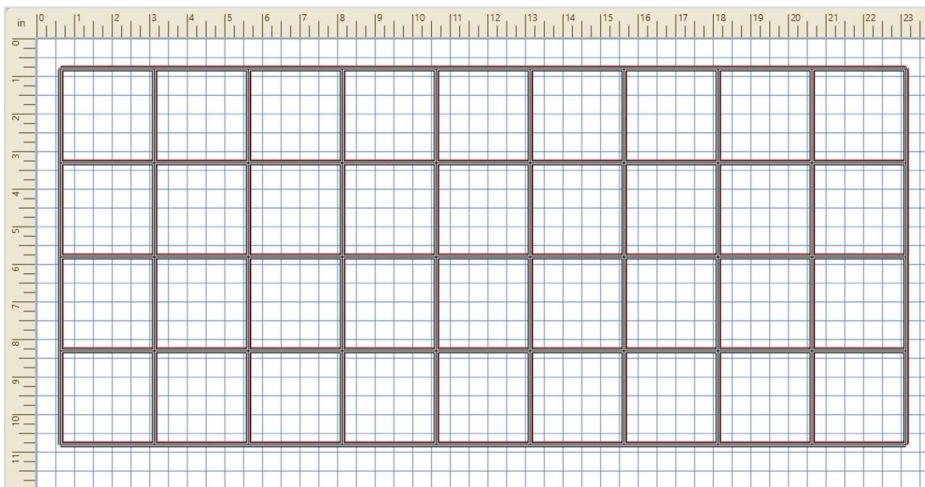
What you need

- ½ Yard (0.5m) Red Fabric (for squares)
- ½ Yard (0.5m) Black Fabric (for squares)
- ½ Yard (0.5m) Black & White Print (for border)
- 25" x 25" (63.5cm x 63.5cm) Backing Fabric
- 25" x 25" (63.5cm x 63.5cm) Binding Fabric
- 25" x 25" (63.5cm x 63.5cm) Low-Loft Quilt Batting

- Two ½" (12mm) D-Rings
- Fabric Grip Mat 12"x 24"
- Rotary Blade
- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Fabric Marker or Chalk
- 2" Bias Strip Maker
- ¼" Piecing Foot (optional)
- Even Feed / Walking Foot (optional)
- ½" Wide Ribbon – one 6" (15cm) piece and one 10" (25cm) piece
- Painter's Tape
- Rotary Cutter, Mat and Ruler

Directions

1. Open the project in Canvas. Place the red fabric on your 12" x 24" Fabric Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the fabric to the cutting mat, eliminating wrinkles or bubbles. Go to the Output Menu and press Send to Machine. Follow the steps to cut the fabric on your crafting machine. Repeat for the next color of fabric squares.



2. Use a manual rotary cutter, mat and ruler to cut the border strips. From the black and white print fabric, cut 2½" strips. Cut the strips into two 17" (43cm) lengths and two 21" (53cm) lengths.
3. Cut one 25" (63.5cm) square from the black and white print fabric (for the backing) and one 25" (63.5cm) from the batting.
4. From the black fabric, cut 1¾" (4.5cm) bias strips.

- Using the $\frac{1}{4}$ " Piecing Foot, chain-piece four black and four red squares together to create one strip, alternating the colors. Start four strips with black and four strips with red; continue piecing to create eight strips total.

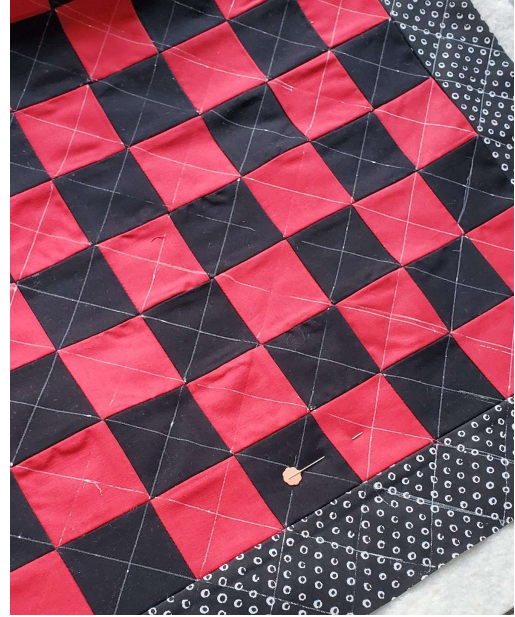


- Press the seam allowances of the first strip to the right. Press the seam allowances of the second strip to the left. Continue pressing all of the strips.
- Stitch the strips together to create an 8 x 8 grid, pressing the seam allowances open between the strips.

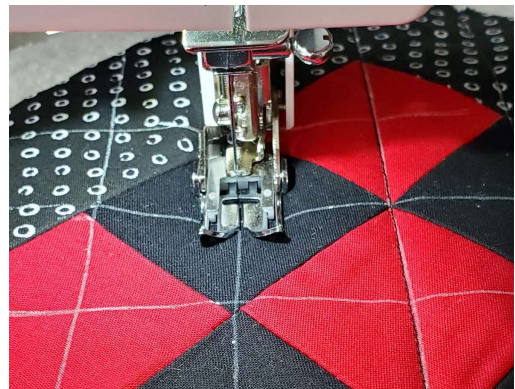


- Pin and stitch the 17" (43cm) border strips to the pieced square side edges. Trim each of the strips flush with the pieced square edges.
- Pin and stitch the 21" (53cm) border strips to the pieced square upper and lower edges. Trim the strips flush with the edges of the strips that you applied in the previous step.
- Place the backing wrong side up on your work surface. Place the pieced top and batting over the backing, with right sides up. Pin the layers together.

- Using a ruler, draw a 1" (25mm) diagonal grid across the pieced top with a fabric marker or chalk.



- Using the Even Feed/Walking Foot, quilt the layers together along the lines, starting from the center and working your way out.



- Trim the batting and backing flush with the pieced top.

- From the ribbon, cut one 6" (15cm) strip and one 10" (25cm) strip.

- Place the 6" (15cm) strip through the two D-rings and stitch in place close to the rings. Pin the raw ends with the 10" (25cm) strip on the quilt back, centered along one edge.



16. Create binding using the black fabric strips and the bias maker. Apply binding to the quilt edges.



17. To store or travel with the quilted board, roll it up and tie it with the ribbon extensions.



