

Patriotic Checkers

This small quilt is a checker board with zippered pockets at each end for storing game pieces. Finished size = 27" x 17"

Supplies

- ¼ yard star fabric (game board)
- ¼ yard stripe fabric (game board, pocket linings)
- ⅝ solid red fabric (backing, pocket)
- ⅝ yard solid blue fabric (backing, pocket)
- 27¼" x 17¼" piece of batting
- Edgestitch Foot #10/10C
- Zipper Foot #4
- Patchwork Foot #37
- Two 20" zippers, one red, one blue
- Construction thread
- Invisible thread
- Checkers (buttons, wood shapes, etc.)
- #1 safety pins
- Rotary cutter, ruler, mat
- Fabric marker



Directions

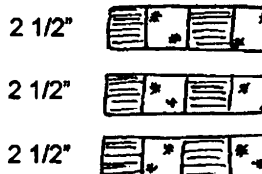
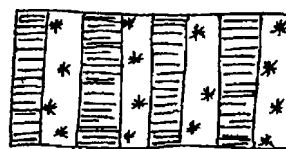
Cut the following pieces of fabric:

- Star – four strips, 2½" x 21"
- Stripe – four strips, 2½" x 21"
- Red – two pocket lining pieces, each 6" x 17"
- Red – two pocket pieces, 3½" x 17¼"
- Red – one backing piece, 15¼" x 19"
- Blue – two pocket pieces, 3½" x 17¼"
- Blue – one backing piece, 15¼" x 19"

Game Board

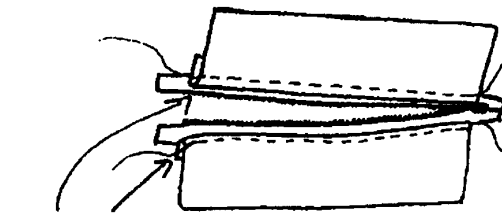
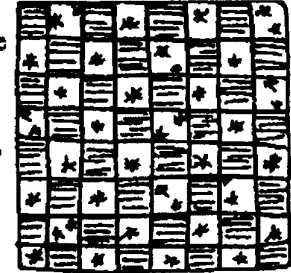
Alternate the strips and pin them together with right sides facing. Stitch seams using Patchwork Foot #37. Press seams to one side.

Recut the joined strips into eight 2½" strips, cutting across the pieced fabric.



Align the new strips with every other square a star with stripes between. Stitch these strips together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to form an eight square by eight square checkerboard. Press seams to one side.

alternate squares and stitch together to make a checker board

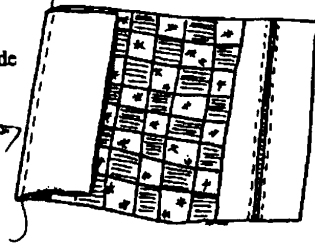


fold $\frac{1}{2}$ " under and stitch next to the zipper teeth

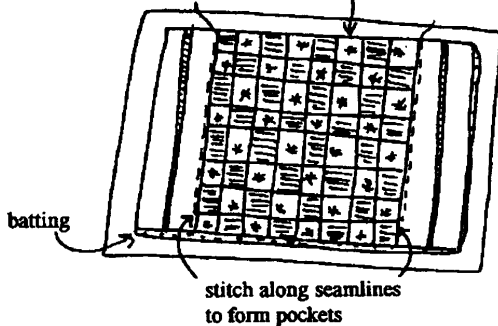
Press $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the wrong side along one long edge of each pocket piece. Place the folded edges along the right side of the matching zipper, next to the zipper teeth, beginning $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom of the zipper. Using Zipper Foot #4 and a far left or far right needle position, stitch next to the zipper coils. Place the right side of the pocket lining to the wrong side of the zippered pocket and baste along all four edges. Move the zipper tab to the center and trim the excess zipper at each end.

Join the pocket pieces to the game board by placing one pocket at each end, right sides together. Stitch together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

place zippered pocket and pocket lining right side down



center game board and batting on backing



batting

stitch along seamlines to form pockets

Stitch the red and blue backing pieces together along one long edge, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Press seam open. Smooth the backing on a flat surface wrong side up. Lay the batting and the game board right side up in the center of the backing fabric. Safety pin the layers together, placing the pins about 2"-4" apart. Stitch "in-the-ditch" (along the seamline) of each square using Edgestitch Foot #10 with the needle in the center position and the machine threaded with invisible thread. Stitch along the outer seamlines of the game board to form pockets.

Fold $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the backing to the front on the sides and press. Fold $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the front again and press. Pin and topstitch in place using Edgestitch Foot #10 and the half right needle position. Repeat along each end.

fold $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the backing to the front twice and stitch along the edge

