## PLUS SIGN QUILT with options for different sizes of feature squares

PURPOSE: Our Charity quilts group often receives big print juvenile fabric that we know kids will love.

This pattern comes with size variations to make quilts for children using various sized squares of the feature fabric in an easy to sew design. The feature square is the largest square in the picture and we use a novelty print there. There are instructions using 9 inch finished feature squares, 8 inch finished feature squares, and both square and rectangular 6.5 inch finished feature squares.


9 inch finished feature squares Size $40.5 \times 54$

## CUT (WOF = Width of Fabric and is assumed to be 40 " wide)

129.5 inch squares all the same or mixed (finishes 9") (4 from 9.5 WOF strip)
115 inch squares in each of two colors (finishes 4.5") 22 total (8 from 5" WOF strip)
$314 \times 5$ inch rectangles in each color (finishes $13.5 \times 4.5$ ) 6 total (two from 5 inch WOF strip - you can cut three if you have 42 inches)

Cut Borders (outer rectangle of narrower pieces)
$514 \times 23 / 4$ rectangles in each color (finishes $13.5 \times 2 \frac{1}{4}$ ) 10 total (two from $23 / 4$ inch WOF strip - you can cut three if you have 42 inches)
$423 / 4$ by 5 in each of two colors (finishes $21 / 4$ by 4.5) 8 total
$223 / 4$ squares in each of two colors (finishes $21 / 4$ ) 4 total

SEW 2 strips that look like each of these below: (four strips total)- position of small squares is different and can't be rotated.


SEW 3 strips that look like this - (directional fabrics can't be rotated after sewing strips but otherwise you can rotate one to make the pattern.)


Join together the 7 strips, checking carefully to get the colors arranged in plus shapes.

## Borders

Sew two long sides like this-- they aren't identical due to colors

Sew to sides of quilt (check that you are completing the pattern to make the plus design).

Sew Two short sides like this - these are identical in this quilt size.


Sew the $23 / 4$ "squares to the end that is the same color. Orange to orange and red to red. Double check to get your design right and sew to top and bottom.


ALTERNATE SIZE: Exactly the same quilt made with 8 inch
finished feature squares.
8 inch finished feature squares
Quilt finishes $36 \times 48$. We like to make quilts that are around 40 " wide so that we can use one length of fabric to back it. We also try to make them 36 " or greater.

Cut
$12 \quad 8.5$ inch squares
114.5 inch squares in each of two colors ( 22 total) (8 can be cut from 40 inch WOF strip that is 4.5 inches wide)
$312.5 \times 4.5$ inch rectangles in each of two colors ( 3 can be cut from 40 inch WOF strip that is 4.5 inches wide)

Cut Borders (outer rectangle of narrower pieces)
$5 \quad 12.5 \times 2.5$ inch rectangles from each color (3 can be cut from 40 inch WOF strip that is 2.5 inches wide)
$42.5 \times 4 . .5$ inch rectangles from each color
22.5 inch squares from each color

Sew according to directions above for 9 inch finished feature squares.

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SQUARE QUILT 6.5 inch finished feature squares: Finished size will be 39.75 x 39.75

Yardage required will be about 5/8 yard for the feature fabric used in the big squares and $5 / 8$ each of a light and a dark background fabric for the plus signs. CUT (WOF = Width of Fabric and is assumed to be 40" wide)

Center Body of quilt: CUT: 167 inch squares all the same or mixed (Feature fabric- often a novelty print) (finishes $6.5^{\prime \prime}$ ) ( 5 from 7" WOF strip, 6 if you have 42")
163.75 inch squares in light color and 14 dark color (finishes 3.25") 30 total (10 from 3.75" WOF strip)
4 light and 5 dark $10.25 \times 3.75$ inch rectangles (finishes $9.75 \times 3.25$ ) 9 total (three from 3.75 inch WOF strip - you can cut four if you have 42 inches)

Cut Borders- outer rectangle border of narrower pieces
8 light and 4 dark $10.25 \times 2.5$ " rectangles (finishes $9.75 \times 212$ total (three from 2 inch WOF strip - you can cut four if you have 42 inches)
8 dark 2.5 by $3.75^{\prime \prime}$ (finishes 2 by 3.25 ) 8 total
4 dark $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ squares (finishes $2^{\prime \prime}$ ) 4 total
SEW 2 strips that look like each of these: (four strips total) using the 7 inch feature squares and the 3.75 inch light and dark squares- ---these are the same when rotated if the fabric isn't directional.


SEW 2 strips that look like this, using 3.75 inch wide pieces-


One that looks like this


Join together the 7 strips, checking to get the colors arranged in plus shapes.
Borders Sew four borders like this from the narrower 2.5 inch pieces


Sew one border to each of the two sides of quilt (check that you are completing the pattern to make the plus design.)

Sew the $42.5^{\prime \prime}$ squares to each end of the other two borders.. Double check the design and sew to top and bottom.

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RECTANGULAR OPTION 6.5 inch finished feature squares: finished quilt is $39.75 \times 49.5$.
About $7 / 8$ yard of feature fabric and $3 / 4$ yard of each of the other fabrics.


## For RECTANGLE QUILT Cut

207 inch squares all the same or mixed (Feature fabric)
6 light and 6 dark $10.25 \times 3.75$ inch rectangles
193.75 inch squares in light color and 19 in dark color Cut Borders (outer rectangle of narrower pieces)
7 light and 7 dark $10.25 \times 2.5^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
4 dark and 4 light 2.5 by $3.75^{\prime \prime}$
You will sew 3 of the row of blocks below with feature squares in place of the red squares.

and 2 of these: (if you don't have directional fabrics, they are all the same)


For the narrower rows in the main body of the quilt, there will be 2 of each of these


Sew those 9 rows together and prepare the borders
The side borders have an additional rectangle but each side is identical, unless you have to vary for directional prints.


NOTE that one end is light and one end is dark. Lay them beside the main body of the quilt that you have sewn and be sure the plus signs are completed correctly.

The top and bottom borders are not the same color pattern and you will sew the yellow squares to the row with yellow ends


And the blue squares to the row with blue ends
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Lay the borders beside the main body of the quilt and be sure that yellow is next to yellow and blue is next to blue so that the plus signs are completed. Sew side borders first and then top border.

