

Preemie, Double 4-Patch Quilt

Fabric requirements:

Infant themed colors and prints are preferred for this pattern.
 100% cotton [quilter's weight] or flannel fabric for center front block & border strips
 100% cotton flannel for the backing. No batting is used.

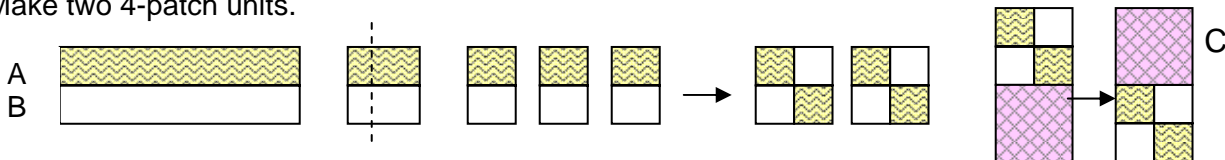
Pieced Center: Fabric A – one 3½" x 15" strip
 Fabric B – one 3½" x 15" strip
 Fabric C – two 6½" squares

Tip:
 Consistent sizes require sewing using ¼" seams.

Border: Fabric D – two 3½" x 13½" strips and two 3½" x 19" strips

Backing: Fabric E – cotton flannel, 18½" x 18½" [Tip: 1-1/8 yard, 40-44" wide = 4 backs]

Using a ¼ inch seam throughout construction, sew fabric strips A and B together along the long edge. Press seam to darker side. Cut four 3½" wide sections as shown [will have approximately 1" excess]. Make two 4-patch units.



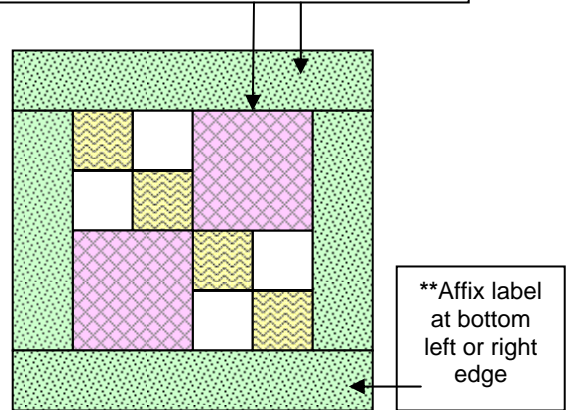
Sew a 4-patch unit to each 6 ½" square [Fabric C]. Refer to diagram for color placement. Press and trim the pieced center to 12½" square. Sew a border strip to two opposite sides of the quilt. Press and trim borders even with the quilt. Add top and bottom border strips, press and trim to 18½" square.

Both front and backing should be 18½" prior to combining [unfinished size]. With right sides together, sew around the 4 sides and leave an opening at least 4" in order to turn and finish. After turning, press carefully so backing fabric is not visible around the edges. Close the opening by carefully hand stitching so no thread loops can get caught on tiny fingers and toes.

Minimal quilting is requested to protect the baby's ultra-sensitive skin. **DO NOT QUILT WITHIN THE CENTER 12" PORTION OF THE QUILT.** Stitch in the ditch at the seam between the pieced center and the borders, and, sew a continuous seam, approximately ½" from the edges of the quilt. **PLEASE DO NOT SEW AN "X" [DIAGONAL LINES] FROM CORNER TO CORNER!**

Sew an AZB4K label [if you've got one] on the FRONT of the quilt, on either the lower left or right corner. ****Position the label approximately 3/8" from the quilt's side and bottom edges.** This can be hand sewn or applied by machine using a STRAIGHT stitch [NO zigzag, please] sewn 1/8" inside the label's edge. If using your machine, load white thread in the needle and bobbin. If you apply the label to the quilt face before attaching the front to the back, please position the label allowing for ¼" seam allowance [5/8" from side and bottom edges].
 Finished size: 18" x 18" square

Stitch in-the-ditch between the pieced center and the borders, and also a continuous seam, ½" from all 4 edges.



Fabric requirements and cutting instructions are included for those wishing to make this pattern at home.
 Tip: cotton flannel should be pre-washed due to shrinkage.