



 **EASY**

Greetings, I'm Rose of something rosemade and I am happy to be joining in the Countdown to Christmas with the Checkerboard Express Block. I've combined the look of two simple blocks: a Rail Fence and a Four Patch made with strip sets and can be quickly made during this busy holiday season.

## INGREDIENTS

Two pieces of fabrics measuring 4-1/2" x 10"; one red and one green, solids or small prints for good contrast.

## INSTRUCTIONS



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From each piece of fabric, cut the following strips: (1) 1-1/2" x 10" and (1) 2-1/2" x 10".

Sew each 1-1/2" strip to the 2-1/2" strip of the opposite fabric as shown. These strip sets should measure 3-1/2" wide, trim if necessary. For this block, I pressed the seams towards the red print.



Subcut each strip set to (6) 1-1/2" segments. Each segment should measure 1-1/2" x 3-1/2".

Rearrange the 2nd, 4th and 6th segments of each strip set to create the Checkerboard center as shown.

Sew the segments together in pairs as shown. These segments should measure 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" wide.



**Sewing Tip:** When sewing these segments together, be sure to sew the pairs the same way each time to create the checkerboard effect in the center of the block. For this block, the segment with the red square was always on the bottom and the seam was on the right side. If you don't sew these segments together consistently the same way, they will not alternate correctly. Press the seams for each segment towards the strip with the red square so the seams will nest together when the segments are sewn together.

Sew Checkerboard segments together as shown and press seams in the direction of the arrows. Then sew these three segments together and either press these seams open or in one direction, your preference. Trim to 6-1/2" square if necessary.

Your Checkerboard Express Block is done and ready to join the other blocks for the Countdown to Christmas!

## YIELD

This block finishes at 6" square.

I hope you find the Checkerboard Express Block as simple and fun to make as I did. If you have any questions or comments, I would love to hear from you. Enjoy the holiday season!

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