

A PATTERN BY ELIZABETH HARTMAN

CHARM SQUARES

This simple quilt pattern comes together quickly with precut fabric squares or scraps. Use 5" charm squares to make a baby quilt, or 10" squares to make a twin bed/large sofa quilt.

MATERIALS	BABY 33" x 40"	TWN 71" x 85"
Precut Squares	38 squares 5" x 5" each or 1/4 yard each of 5 different fabrics	38 squares 10" x 10" each <i>or</i> 5/8 yard each of 5 different fabrics
*Sashing Fabric	5/8 yard	2 yards
Quilt Back Fabric	1-1/4 yards	5-1/4 yards
Binding Fabric	3/8 yard	5/8 yard
Batting	37" x 44"	75" x 89"

Yardages are based on fabric at least 42" wide.

CUTTING THE FABRIC

WOF = width of fabric

BABY QUILT

PRECUT SQUARES:

Reserve 25 squares and cut the remaining 13 squares in half to make 25 rectangles 2-1/2" x 5" each. (You will have one extra rectangle.)

FROM EACH 1/4 YARD CUT:

Cut 1 strip 5" x WOF. Subcut 8 squares 5" x 5" each.

Cut 3 squares in half to make 5 rectangles 2-1/2" x 5" each. (You will have one extra rectangle from each fabric.)

SASHING FABRIC:

Cut 2 wide sashing strips 5" x WOF. Trim each to 5" x 33".

Cut 4 narrow sashing strips 2-1/2" x WOF. Trim each to 2-1/2" x 33".

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^{*}Keep the composition modern by using a neutral solid fabric like white or gray for the sashing.

CUTTING THE FABRIC (CONT.)

WOF = width of fabric

TWIN QUILT

PRECUT SQUARES:

Reserve 25 squares and cut the remaining 13 squares in half to make 25 rectangles 5" x 10" each.

(You will have one extra rectangle.)

FROM EACH 1/4 YARD CUT:

Cut 2 strips 10" x WOF. Subcut 8 squares 10" x 10" each. Cut 3 squares in half to make 5 rectangles 5" x 10" each. (You will have one extra rectangle from each fabric.)

SASHING FABRIC:

Cut these pieces along the length (selvage edge) of the fabric.

Cut 2 wide sashing strips 10" x 70-1/2" each.

Cut 4 narrow sashing strips 5" x 70-1/2" each.

MAKING THE QUILT TOP (BOTH SIZES)

All seams are sewn with a 1/4" seam allowance and pressed open.



STEP 1. Sort and sew the cut squares and rectangles into 5 rows, alternating squares and rectangles and including 5 squares and 5 rectangles in each row. Rows 1, 3, and 5 should each start with a rectangle. Rows 2 and 4 should each start with a square. (If you're using 5 different fabrics, you can include 1 square and 1 rectangle of each fabric in each row.)

STEP 2. Sew together the 5 pieced rows, sewing a narrow sashing strip between each pieced row.

STEP 3. Sew a wide sashing strip to the top and bottom of the quilt top.

FINISHING THE BABY QUILT

Sandwich and quilt as desired. Use the binding fabric to cut 4 strips 2-1/2" x WOF for double-fold binding and bind as desired.

FINISHING THE TWIN QUILT

From the backing fabric, cut 2 pieces 93" long. Trim away selvages, sew the pieces together, and trim the finished quilt back to 79" x 93".

Sandwich and quilt as desired. Use the binding fabric to cut 8 strips 2-1/2" x WOF for double-fold binding and bind as desired.

