

THE BUFFALO CHECK QUILT

a free pattern from Empty Bobbin Sewing Studio

finished quilt size 66" x 82 1/2"

Gather:

1 1/4 yard black solid
1 1/8 yard red solid
2 1/4 yards red/black*
5 yards backing
1/2 yard binding

**When looking for the right blend of the two solids, consider shot cottons, Essex linens, peppered cottons and cross weaves. The use of two colors of thread in the fabric is key to the right look. In this sample, Robert Kaufman Kona Solids in Pepper and Rich Red are paired with a Westminster Shot Cotton in Bordeaux.*

For clarity, throughout the remainder of the pattern, the red-black fabric will be referred to as the "blend" fabric.

Cut:

From the black fabric, cut:
(7) 6" x width of fabric strips

From the red fabric, cut:
(6) 6" x WOF strips

From the blend fabric, cut:
(13) 6" x WOF strips

From the binding fabric, cut:
(8) 2 1/4" x WOF strips

Sew:

Sew (3) A strip sets, using black-blend-black-blend.
Figure 1

Sew (3) B strip sets, using blend-red-blend-red.
Figure 2

Sew (1) C strip set, using black-blend. *Figure 3*



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Press all seams in the strip sets to the blend fabric. This will allow the row seams to nest together nicely.

Cut each strip set into 6" wide sections. Each strip will yield seven units.

Sew three A units together, end-to-end, to create an A row. Repeat to create seven rows.



Sew three B units together, end-to-end, to create a B row. Repeat to create seven rows.

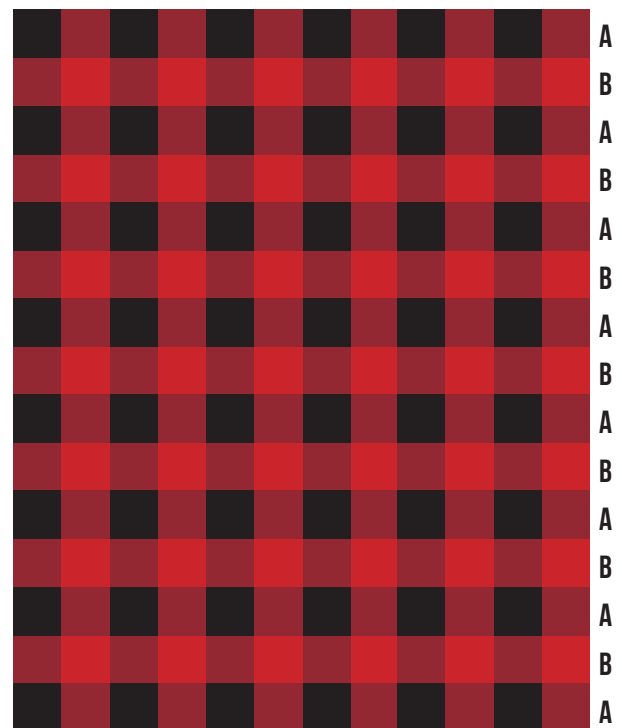


Sew six C units together, end-to-end, to create an additional A row. *One C unit will be left over.*



Assemble the Quilt:

Sew the rows together, nesting the seams. Begin and end with an A row. Press row seams open. Baste, quilt and bind to complete.



Note: This quilt is made using the strip piecing method. Should you wish to piece your quilt with squares instead, cut the following quantities of 6" squares. Red: 42 Black: 48 Red/Black: 90

ALTERNATE SIZES - BUFFALO CHECK QUILT

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MINI, BABY & YOUTH SIZES:

	Finished Size	# of blocks wide	# of blocks tall	width of strips to cut	# of black strips to cut	# of red strips to cut	# of blend strips to cut	# of 2¼" binding strips to cut	# of A strip sets to make	# of B strip sets to make	# of C strip sets to make	Cut strip sets into ---" wide sections
Mini	18" x 22½"	12	15	2"	3	2	5	3	1	1	1	2"
Baby	36" x 45"	12	15	3½"	4	4	8	5	2	2	0	3½"
Youth	48" x 60"	12	15	4½"	6	6	12	6	3	3	0	4½"

Twenty-four A units and twenty-one B units will be needed for each quilt.

MATERIALS	Black	Red	Blend	Backing	Binding
Mini	1/4 yd	1/8 yd	1/3 yd	3/4 yd	1/4 yd
Baby	1/2 yd	1/2 yd	7/8 yd	2½ yds	1/3 yd
Youth	7/8 yd	7/8 yd	1 5/8 yd	3 yds	3/8 yd

Follow the directions for the main quilt. The quilt assembly diagram works for these sizes, as well.

TWIN, FULL, QUEEN & KING SIZES:

For these sizes, WOF strips are cut at 6" wide for ALL sizes. Similarly, the units cut from the strip sets are 6" wide.

	Finished Size	# of blocks wide	# of blocks tall	# of black strips to cut	# of red strips to cut	# of blend strips to cut	# of 2¼" binding strips to cut	# of A strip sets to make	# of B strip sets to make	# of C strip sets to make (black-blend)	# of D strip sets to make (red-blend)
Twin	66" x 93½"	12	17	8	8	16	9	4	4	0	0
Full	88" x 93½"	16	17	10	10	20	10	5	5	0	0
Queen	88" x 99"	16	18	10	10	20	10	5	5	0	0
King	110" x 99"	20	18	13	13	26	11	6	6	1	1

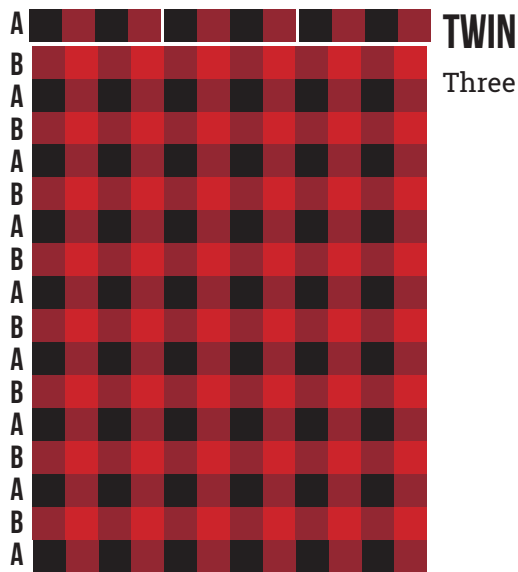
Additional cutting: For Full, cut (2) 6" black squares and (2) 6" blend squares to complete the final A row. For Queen, cut (2) 6" black squares, (2) 6" red squares and (4) 6" blend squares to complete the final A and B rows.

MATERIALS	Black	Red	Blend	Backing	Binding
Twin	1½ yds	1½ yds	2¾ yds	5 ¾ yds	5/8 yd
Full	2 yds	1¾ yds	3 2/3 yds	8 yds	5/8 yd
Queen	2 yds	2 yds	3 2/3 yds	8 yds	5/8 yd
King	2¼ yds	2¼ yds	4½ yds	9 yds	3/4 yd

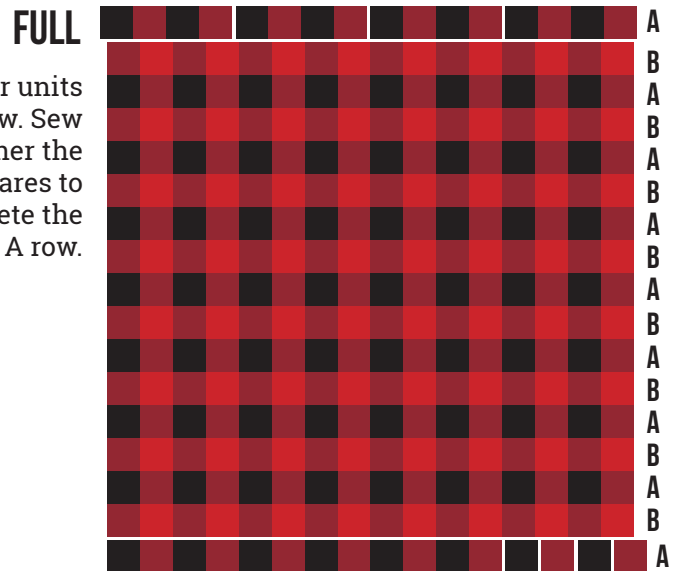
Assembly: Cut and sew the strip sets as directed in the main pattern, including sub-cutting the strip sets into 6" wide sections. For final assembly, refer to the assembly diagrams on the following page.

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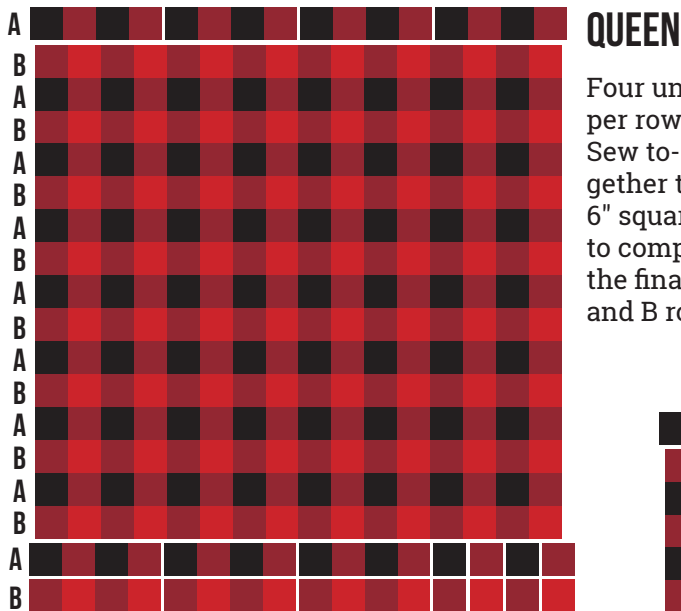
ASSEMBLY DIAGRAMS - TWIN, FULL, QUEEN & KING:



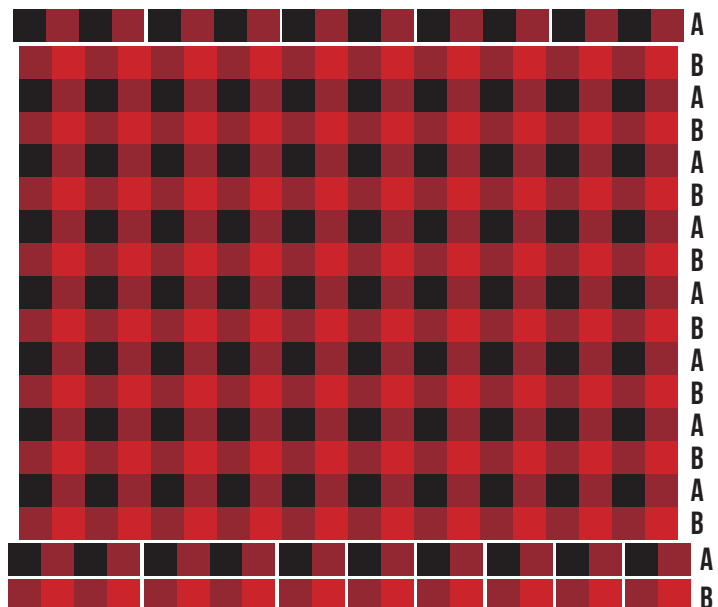
Three units per row.



Four units per row. Sew together the 6" squares to complete the final A row.



Four units per row. Sew together the 6" squares to complete the final A and B rows.



Five units per row. Sew the C units together to complete the final A row and sew the D units together to make the final B row.