

Picnic Social

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This quilt pattern gives a modern look for your picnic quilt. Look closely, it may remind you of an old fashioned checkerboard tablecloth. Three sizes are given for this quilt, all using the same block. Also, this pattern adapts beautifully to using pre-cut Bali Pops, Snaps or Crackers. Directions for using these precut batiks are given at the end of this pattern. Use and enjoy these quilts. Don't worry about spills and stains.

Fabric Requirements:

Crib Size: Approx. Size 43 x 51 inches

45" Background	1 ¼ yd
(if) 60" Background	1 yd
9 Picnic Social fabrics	½ yd each
Binding	½ yd

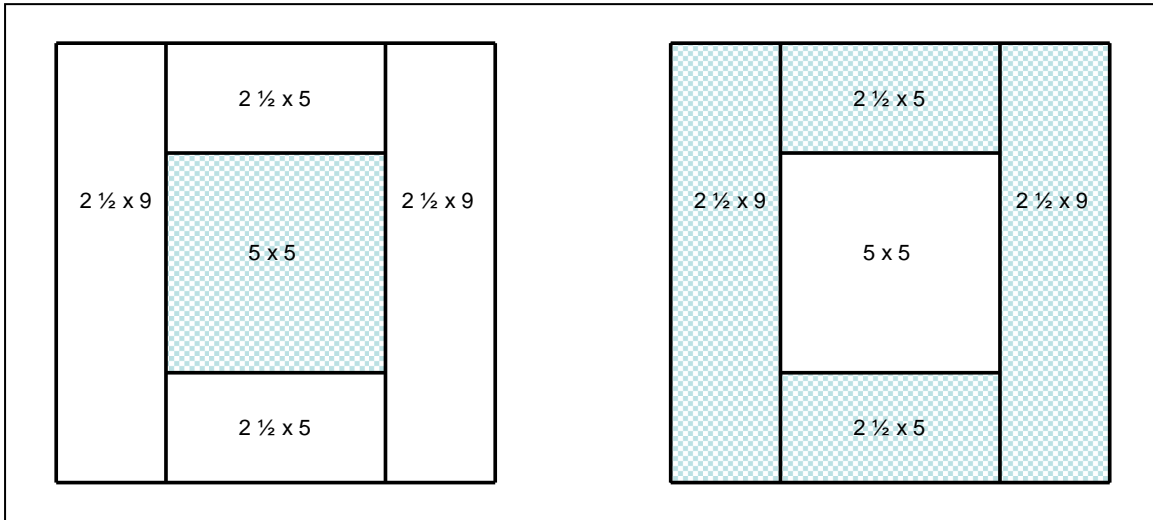
Picnic Size: Crib size plus borders. Approx. Size 57 x 65 inches

Inner border	3/8 yd
Outer border	1 3/4 yd (cut lengthwise)
Binding	5/8 yd

Lap Size: Approx. Size 51 x 68 inches

45" Background	1 7/8 yds
(if) 60" Background	1 5/8 yds
9 Picnic Social fabrics	5/8 yd each
Binding	5/8 yd

Block Construction: There is only one block in this quilt. The diagram below shows how it is constructed. To vary the look of the block alternate how the fabrics are used. The print fabric in one block will be the 5 inch square in the center framed by a background fabric, and its alternate will have the background fabric as the center and the print as the frame! So easy!!



Crib Size: Set 5 by 6 blocks. 30 total blocks, 15 with a printed fabric center and 15 with a background fabric in the center.

Cut from the background 15 – 5 inch squares, 30 – 2 ½ by 9 inch rectangles, and 30 - 2 ½ by 5 inch rectangles

Cut from each of the nine Picnic Social fabrics, 2 - 5 inch squares, 4 – 2 ½ by 9 inch rectangles, and 4 – 2 ½ by 5 inch rectangles. Yes, this gives you enough of the printed fabric to make 36 blocks, but choose the fabrics you like best and only make 30.

Follow the diagram given above and construct 30 blocks, lay out in a 5 by 6 block grid and sew together.

Quilt and bind

Picnic size: Set 5 by 6 blocks plus borders!

Construct a crib size quilt for the center of the picnic sized quilt and then add borders to the following dimensions.

Inner border: Cut at 2 inches

Outer border: Cut to the fabric pattern lengthwise (no piecing). We want to create a checkerboard pattern for this outer border. Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ beyond each side of three rows of checks. There will be some waste of fabric to do this. This border measures approx. $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches, but cut to the fabric's printed pattern, not an absolute measurement.

Quilt and bind.

Lap Size: Set 6 by 8 blocks. 48 blocks total, 24 with a printed fabric center and 24 with a background fabric center.

Cut from the background, 24 – 5 inch squares, 48- $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 9 inch rectangles, and 48 $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 5 inch rectangles.

Cut from each of the nine Picnic Social fabrics, 3 - 5 inch squares, 6 – $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 9 inch rectangles, and 6 – $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 5 inch rectangles. Yes, once again you have cut too many, just use enough to make 48 blocks. The extra just give you color choices!

Follow the diagram given above and construct 48 blocks. Lay out in a 6 by 8 block grid and sew together.

Quilt and bind

Cutting instruction for using Hoffman Pre-cuts!!

You may make this quilt in either of two ways. The first is to use a combination of Bali – Pops and Bali-Snaps, the second is to use only Bali-Crackers. Just substitute the precut Bali's for the printed Picnic Social fabric in the above patterns.

Using the Bali-Pop and Snap packs. The number of blocks needed depends on the size of quilt you are making. The Snap fabrics are already cut into 5 inch squares so use them as is and surround with a background fabric. The Bali Pop fabrics are cut in $2\frac{1}{2}$ by WOF fabric strips. You will cut 2 -9 inch segments and 2 – 5 inch segments. This will create one block's frame to surround a background fabric. Save the extra lengths from the $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips and use to make a scrappy binding.

Using a Bali Crackers pack: These units are precut to 10 inches. From each 10 inch square you will cut one 5 inch square center and one complete frame unit (2 – 2 ½ by 9 inch rectangles and 2 – 2 ½ by 5 inch rectangles). Refer to the diagram below for cutting instructions from the 10” square. Sub-cut the 2 ½ x 10 inch strips to 2 ½ x 9 inches discarding the 2 ½ x 1 inch left over pieces.

