

Finished size 16" X 16"

Dear Guild Members,

This month let's make mini quilt toys for donation. This game board pattern will be fun for kids to play checkers or chess on. We'll make the "board" in two high contrast colors, with a pillowcase binding, and add a pocket on the back for the checkers with a Velcro closure. This pattern is adapted from *Quick & Easy Quilting Magazine* Spring 1993 edition. The game boards will be donated to a charity we support that has a Christmas gift drive. You can make a few more for your own gift giving. It's a great idea and very fun and easy to sew.

**Materials:**

- 1/4 yard Red\*
- 1/3 yard Black\*
- Batting 17" x 17"
- Backing 17" x 17"
- Pocket fabric 2 pieces 7 1/4" square
- 3" Velcro
- Box of checkers (WalMart)

*\*You may use your choice of fabric but make sure it is high contrast.*

**Instructions:**

Cut 4 strips 2" x 44" red fabric (cut in half = 22")  
 Cut 4 strips 2" x 44" black fabric (cut in half = 22")

1. Sew strips together alternating colors
2. Red / Black / Red / Black / Red / Black / Red / Black
3. Press seams to set - then press to black side
4. Cut pressed unit into 8 2" strips
5. Reverse alternate strips to make checks
6. Sew Strips together. Press seams
7. Add border using 2 1/2" wide strips black fabric. Press
8. **Pocket.** With right sides together, sew 3 sides with 1/4" seam. Turn. Press. Stitch Velcro to center top of pocket. Center Pocket on base of backing, lining up with 4" x 4" squares. With raw edges on outside edge, pin. Line up matching Velcro and stitch to backing. Top stitch sides of pocket to backing.
9. **Pillowcase Binding:** Layer pieces together. Pin every 4 inches  
 Bottom = Batting  
 Middle = Checkerboard (wrong side to batting)  
 Top = Backing (right side with pocket to checkerboard)
10. Sew 1/4" seam around 4 sides of 'mini quilt' leaving a 5" opening for turning. Trim corners and turn right side out. Slip stitch closed. Press. Top stitch if desired.

