

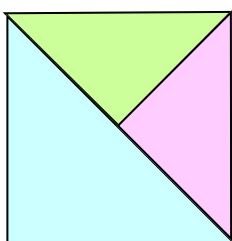
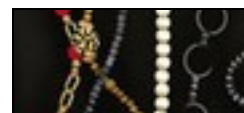
# Fashionista Lap Quilt

56" x 56"

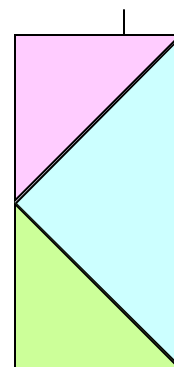
Unleash your inner Fashionista on this quick lap quilt. Plan on learning a clever new technique for creating fabric on the bias, too! This pattern assumes a standard 1/4" seam allowance. WOF means width of fabric.

## Fabric Requirements

- Panel. Cut this into (3) sections, each 13" x 20" (this is about 1-1/4" to the right of the pearls)
- 1/4 yard (9" wide) of each of Fabrics A, B and C. Cut each of these fabrics into (2) units which are 6-3/4" tall and 9" wide. Note that you may want to fussy cut these units as they will be used in the squares surrounding the panel.
- 1/4 yard (9" wide) of the gray leopard fabric. Cut this into (2) strips 2-1/2" wide by the WOF. Cut these strips into (4) units which are 2-1/2" x 6-3/4" and (4) units which are 2-1/2" x 13".
- 1 yard of the block checkerboard fabric. Cut this into (3) units which are 8 checkerboard squares tall and 8 checkerboard squares long. These units will be approx 16" x 16".
- 1-1/2 yard necklace fabric for sashing. Note that this fabric has a lengthwise motif so strips will be cut parallel to the selvedge. Cut this into (4) strips that are 3-1/2" wide by 48" long for the sashing. From the remainder of the fabric, fussy cut (6) 4-1/2" x 13" blocks from this fabric with the necklace motif parallel to the 4-1/2" dimension. (See the picture to the right.) These will be used in the top and bottom sash.
- 2/3 yard border. Cut (3) strips 3-1/2" wide by the WOF and (3) strips 4-1/2" wide by the WOF.



Start by creating the bias strips from the checkerboard squares fabric. To do this, cut each of the 16" x 16" squares into three triangles as shown in the diagram to the left. Reassemble these triangles into (3) units as shown to the right. Notice how the checkerboard squares are now all on point?



Sew these units into (3) rectangles. They should measure approximately 11" x 21". Gently press the seams to the corner triangles using lots of spray starch as these edges are on the bias.

From the rectangles, cut (6) 2-1/2" x 21" strips and (2) 3-1/2" x 13" strips. From each of (4) 2-1/2" strips, cut (1) 2-1/2" x 13" unit and (1) 2-1/2" x 6-3/4" unit. From the remaining (2) 2-1/2" strips, cut (4) 2-1/2" x 6-3/4" units.

## Making the Blocks and Rows

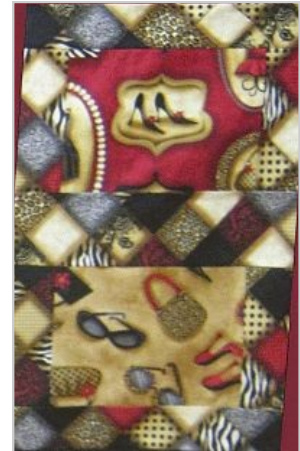


*The center blocks:* Sew a 2-1/2" x 6-3/4" gray leopard strip to both sides of the (2) 6-3/4" x 9" wide Fabric A units. Press to this border. Sew a 2-1/2" x 13" to the top and bottom of the square and press.

Sew these blocks to the top and bottom of the middle panel section. Press to the block.

*The two-part side blocks:* Sew a 2-1/2" x 6-3/4" checkerboard unit to both sides of the (4) 6-3/4" x 9" units you cut from Fabrics B and C. Press to this border. Sew a 2-1/2" x 13" strip to the top of the Fabric B blocks and the bottom of the Fabric C blocks.

Connect these two blocks by sewing a 3-1/2" x 13" checkerboard unit to the bottom of the Fabric B blocks and the top of the Fabric C blocks. Press to this center sashing. Sew one of these two piece units to the bottom of the left panel section. Sew the other two piece unit to the top of the right panel section. Press to the block.



## Putting it all together

Sew a 4-1/2" x 13" sashing unit to the top and bottom of each of the three panel sections. Press to the sashing. Sew a 3-1/2" x 48" sashing strip between the panel sections and on both sides, matching centers and easing to fit if necessary. These strips are cut to exact measurements so your quilt will remain square.

Sew the (3) 3-1/2" wide border strips end to end to create one LONG strip. Cut this strip into (2) sections 48" long. Sew these borders to both sides of the top you just created, matching centers and easing to fit if necessary. Press to the border.

Sew the (3) 4-1/2" wide border strips end to end to create one LONG strip. Cut this strip into (2) sections 56" long. Sew these borders to the top and bottom of the top you just created, matching centers and easing to fit if necessary. Press to the border.

You are done! Now just bat, back and quilt your top - this is a great one to use to practice your free style machine quilting. Enjoy!

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