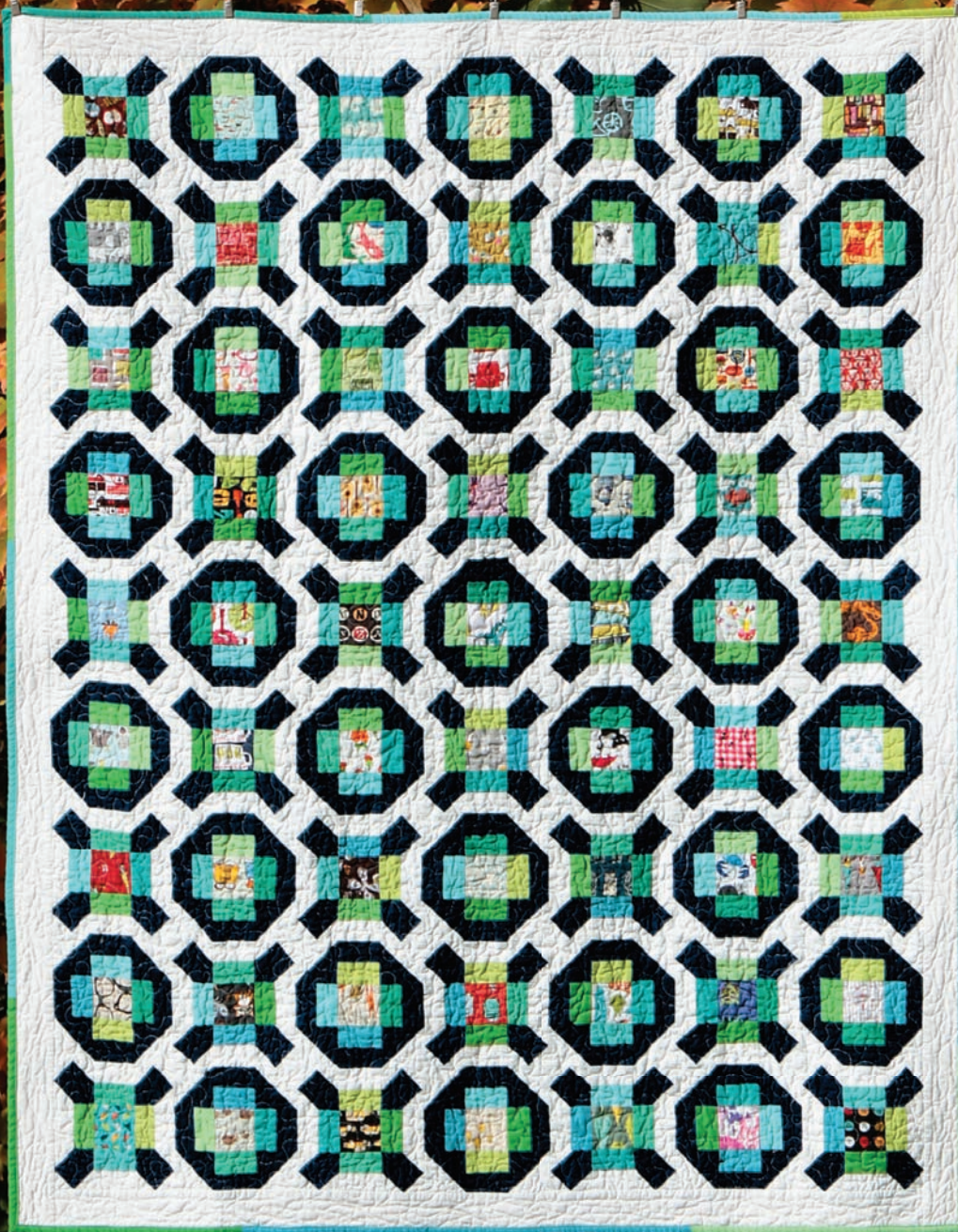


# X & O | spy



a Little Crispy  
SEWING PATTERNS



#136

# Cutting

All measurements include  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances.

Fabric quantities are given on the back cover of this pattern.

Download and print a free coloring sheet at <http://bit.ly/2DaaPpv>.

This quilt has an I-spy theme: the center of each block has a square that features something to look at. This can be perfect for young children as a story building quilt or a matching quilt. For grownups it can be a lovely way to feature small scenes from some favorite novelty prints.

There are two different I-spy square sizes to choose from:

- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (unfinished) block centers for the Toddler size, and
- 5" (unfinished) block centers for the Crib, Throw, Twin, or Queen sizes.

You need four groups of fabrics:

- **A:** X and O outline (black accents in cover quilt),
- **B:** Background (white in cover quilt),
- **C:** I spy square frame (blues/greens in cover quilt), and
- **D:** I spy squares.

Within each group you can use a variety of fabrics or just one.

In all cases, your usable fabric width (WOF) is assumed to be 40". You might need to cut fewer strips than listed if your fabric is a little wider.

You will need to piece border strips together to get the length you need.

Borders are cut generously long.

When you are done sewing the quilt top, you will measure your quilt and trim the borders to fit. L/R = Left/Right borders, T/B = Top/Bottom borders.

## Toddler

### A

Cut (5) 3" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (62) 3" x 3"

Cut (8)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (128)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Cut (8)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (124)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

### B

Cut (5) 3" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (62) 3" x 3"

Borders: Cut (6)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips, and piece together to make:

- (2)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 58" for L/R
- (2)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 48" for T/B

Cut (23)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (128)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
- (384)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "

### C

Cut (16)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (252)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

### D

Cut (63) assorted  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " I-spy squares

## Crib

### A

Cut (2)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (8)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $5\frac{1}{2}$ "
- (4) 5" x 5"

Cut (2) 5" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (16) 5" x 5"

Cut (2)  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (16)  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5"

## Crib (continued)

### B

Cut (2) 5½" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (8) 5½" x 5½"

Cut (7) 2¾" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (20) 2¾" x 5"
- (60) 2¾" x 2¾"

Borders: Cut (5) 1½" x WOF strips, and piece together to make:

- (2) 1½" x 44" for L/R
- (2) 1½" x 46" for T/B

### C

Cut (5) 2¾" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (36) 2¾" x 5"

### D

Cut (9) 5" x 5" I-spy squares

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## Throw

### A

Cut (4) 5½" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (24) 5½" x 5½"
- (4) 5" x 5"

Cut (6) 5" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (48) 5" x 5"

Cut (6) 2¾" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (48) 2¾" x 5"

### B

Cut (4) 5½" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (24) 5½" x 5½"

Cut (18) 2¾" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (52) 2¾" x 5"
- (156) 2¾" x 2¾"

Borders: Cut (8) 1½" x WOF strips, and piece together to make:

- (2) 1½" x 71" for L/R
- (2) 1½" x 73" for T/B

### C

Cut (13) 2¾" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (100) 2¾" x 5"

### D

Cut (25) 5" x 5" I-spy squares

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## Twin

### A

Cut (5) 5½" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (34) 5½" x 5½"

Cut (9) 5" WOF strips. Subcut:

- (72) 5" x 5"

Cut (9) 2¾" WOF strips. Subcut:

- (68) 2¾" x 5"

### B

Cut (5) 5½" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (34) 5½" x 5½"

Cut (25) 2¾" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (72) 2¾" x 5"
- (216) 2¾" x 2¾"

Borders: Cut (9) 1½" x WOF strips, and piece together to make:

- (2) 1½" x 98" for L/R
- (2) 1½" x 73" for T/B

### C

Cut (18) 2¾" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (140) 2¾" x 5"

### D

Cut (35) 5" x 5" I-spy squares

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## Queen

### A (Prints)

Cut (7) 5½" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (48) 5½" x 5½"

Cut (13) 5" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (100) 5" x 5"

Cut (12) 2¾" x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (96) 2¾" x 5"

## Queen (continued)

### B (Background)

Cut (7)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (48)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $5\frac{1}{2}$ "

Cut (34)  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (100)  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5"
- (300)  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $2\frac{3}{4}$ "

Borders: Cut (10)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips, and piece together to make

- (2)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 98" for L/R
- (2)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 100" for T/B

### C

Cut (25)  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x WOF strips. Subcut:

- (196)  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5"

### D

Cut (49) 5" x 5" I-spy squares

## Sewing your blocks

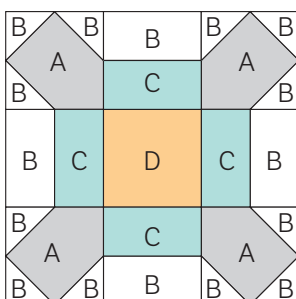
All seam allowances are  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Blocks are  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished for the Toddler size and 14" unfinished for all other sizes.

This quilt consists of two blocks: X and O. You need:

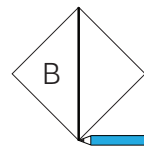
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Toddler	32	31
Crib	5	4
Throw	13	12
Twin	18	17
Queen	25	24

### Sew your X blocks



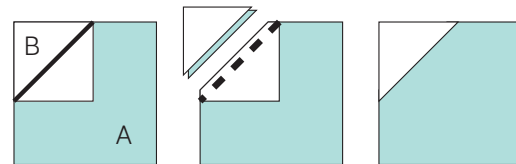
The instructions below are for one block. Repeat for all blocks. The numbers in parentheses refer to the Toddler size, the numbers not in parentheses refer to all other sizes.

- 1 Mark a diagonal line on the back of all ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ")  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " B squares. This is optional for the Toddler size; the Toddler-size squares are small enough that you can just eyeball a straight line from corner to corner.

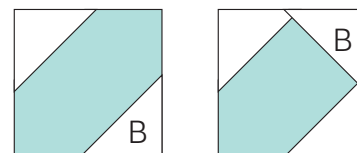


- 2 Place a ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ")  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " B in the upper left corner of a ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ") 5" x 5" A with right sides together as illustrated below left.

Stitch on the line (or eyeball the line). Trim the extra triangle corners approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seam and discard or set aside for another project. Press open or to the side.

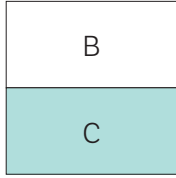


- 3 Repeat step 2 twice more by stitching another ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ")  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " B square to the lower and upper right corners.

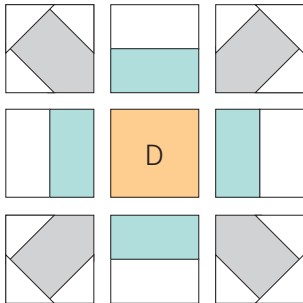


- 4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make three more of these ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ") 5" x 5" components. Set aside.

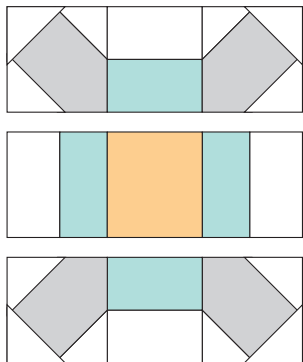
- 5** Sew one ( $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ )  $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 5''$  B to one ( $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ )  $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 5''$  C as shown below. Repeat three more times to make a total of four of these ( $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ )  $5'' \times 5''$  components.



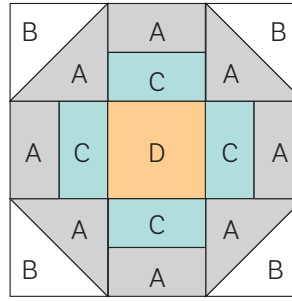
- 6** Lay out your block in rows as illustrated below, using the components from steps 3 and 5 and a ( $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ )  $5'' \times 5''$  D. Sew the block together in rows. Press toward the outer edge for the top and bottom rows, and press toward the center for the middle row.



- 7** Sew the rows together. Press to the side or open.

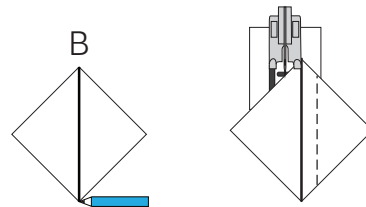


## Sew your O blocks

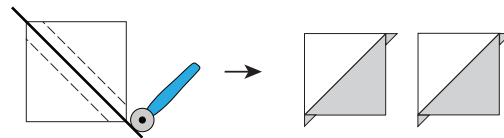


The instructions below are for one block. Repeat for all blocks. The numbers in parentheses refer to the Toddler size, the numbers not in parentheses refer to all other sizes.

- 1** Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each ( $3'' \times 3''$ )  $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$  B square. Place each ( $3'' \times 3''$ )  $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$  B right sides together with a ( $3'' \times 3''$ )  $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$  A. Sew a seam through both layers  $\frac{1}{4}''$  from either side of the marked line.

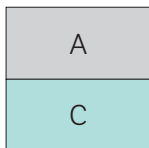


- 2** Cut each pair apart on the marked line to create two half-square triangles (HSTs). Press towards the darker fabric.

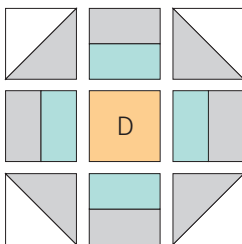


- 3** Trim your HSTs to ( $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ )  $5'' \times 5''$ .

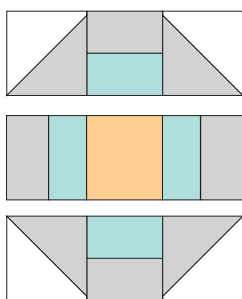
- 4** Sew one (1½" x 2½") 2¾" x 5" A to one (1½" x 2½") 2¾" x 5" C as shown below. Repeat three more times to make a total of four of these (2½" x 2½") 5" x 5" components.



- 5** Lay out your block in rows as illustrated below, with the HSTs from step 3, the components from step 4, and a (2½" x 2½") 5" x 5" D. Sew the block together into rows. Press toward the center for the top and bottom rows, and press toward the outside edge for the middle row.



- 6** Sew the rows together. Press to the side or open.



## Assembling your quilt top

- 1** Lay out your quilt top following the Layout diagram on page 7.
- 2** Sew your blocks together into rows, then press towards the X blocks.
- 3** Sew your rows together. Press to the side or open.
- 4** Measure the height at the center of the quilt top from top to bottom and trim your left and right borders to exactly that length. Pin your borders to the left and right edges and sew. Press to the side or open.
- 5** Measure the width at the center of the quilt top from left to right and trim your top and bottom borders to exactly that length. Pin your borders to the top and bottom edges and sew. Press to the side or open.

## Quilting & finishing

When you are done the quilt top, press it well from both sides.

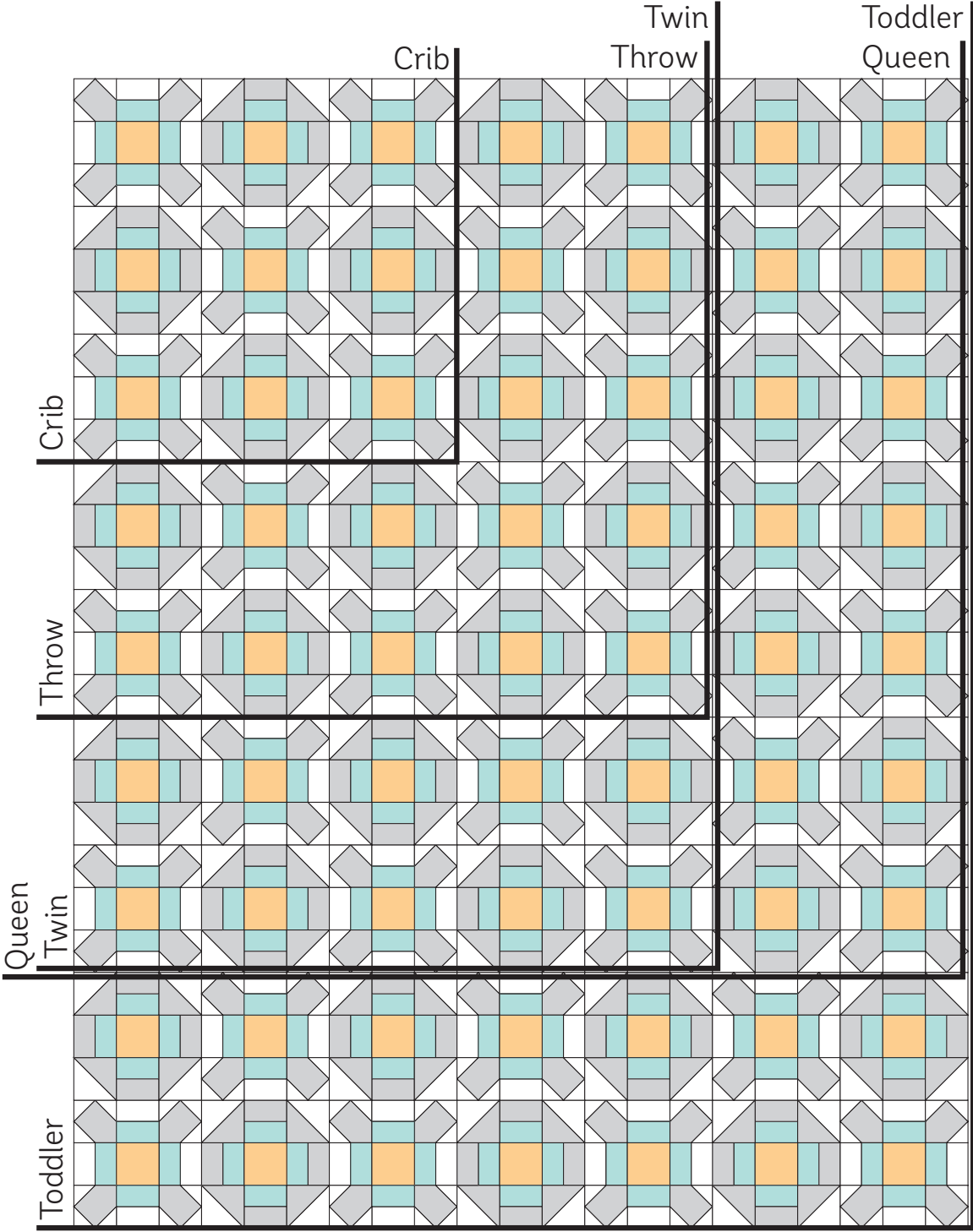
Layer your well-pressed quilt top with your batting and backing and baste your quilt.

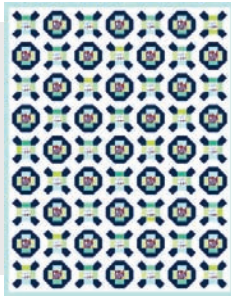
Quilt as desired and square off so the edges are nice and straight.

Cut your 2½" x WOF binding strips: (6) Toddler, (5) Crib, (8) Throw, (9) Twin, or (10) Queen. Piece them together and bind the quilt.

Wash and enjoy!

# Layout





# X & O I spy

Cover quilt is approximately 44" x 56".

Quilt designed, pieced, and quilted by Kristin Lawson.

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Gather up some cute I spy or novelty print squares and put together this fun quilt with lots to look at! You can also come up with a matching game or use it as a story starter. Instructions are included for using 2½" squares for a cute toddler quilt, or 5" squares for a quicker finish.

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## Fabric

You will need a variety of 100% cotton quilting fabrics, 42" wide, as listed in the table below. I recommend purchasing slightly more than listed just in case.

Choose a solid or a non-busy print that contrasts well with your other fabrics for your background.

	Toddler	Crib	Throw	Twin	Queen
Finished size	44" x 56"	43" x 43"	70" x 70"	70" x 97"	97" x 97"
A (black accents)	1⅝ yards	1 yard	2¼ yards	3 yards	4 yards
B (Background)	1⅞ yards	1¼ yards	2¾ yards	3¼ yards	4½ yards
C (blue/green)	⅞ yard	½ yard	1¼ yards	1½ yards	2¼ yard
D (I spy squares)	(63) 2½" squares	(9) 5" squares	(25) 5" squares	(35) 5" squares	(49) 5" squares
Binding*	⅝ yard	½ yard	⅔ yard	¾ yard	⅞ yard
Backing	3 yards	3 yards	4½ yards	6 yards	8¾ yards
Batting	48" x 60"	47" x 47"	74" x 74"	74" x 101"	101" x 101"

\*Binding amount assumes 2½" strips, cut the width of the fabric. You'll need more if you cut on the bias.



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