

Fabric ABC Quilt

Glue this entire page to lightweight cardboard (a cereal box works nicely). Cut out the inside of this 6" square. Use this "window" while shopping for fabric. Place it on a potential fabric to check if the motif will fit into the square. Some are simply too large.

At right are some possible fabric designs to look for. The first item listed for each letter is the design used in for our quilt.

We found it necessary to cut and piece the squares for some letters. For example, the three violins were cut individually from a fabric with many other musical instruments.

If you find two good fabrics for a letter, why not buy them both? You may find that one will work better with the border fabric.

When you choose a fabric for a particular letter, mark the letter off the list. Don't forget to take your list with you when you shop!

Since you will be able to cut multiple 6 1/2" squares from each quarter yard, plan on making several quilts. They are quick and easy to stitch and make great gifts as well as donations to charitable organizations.

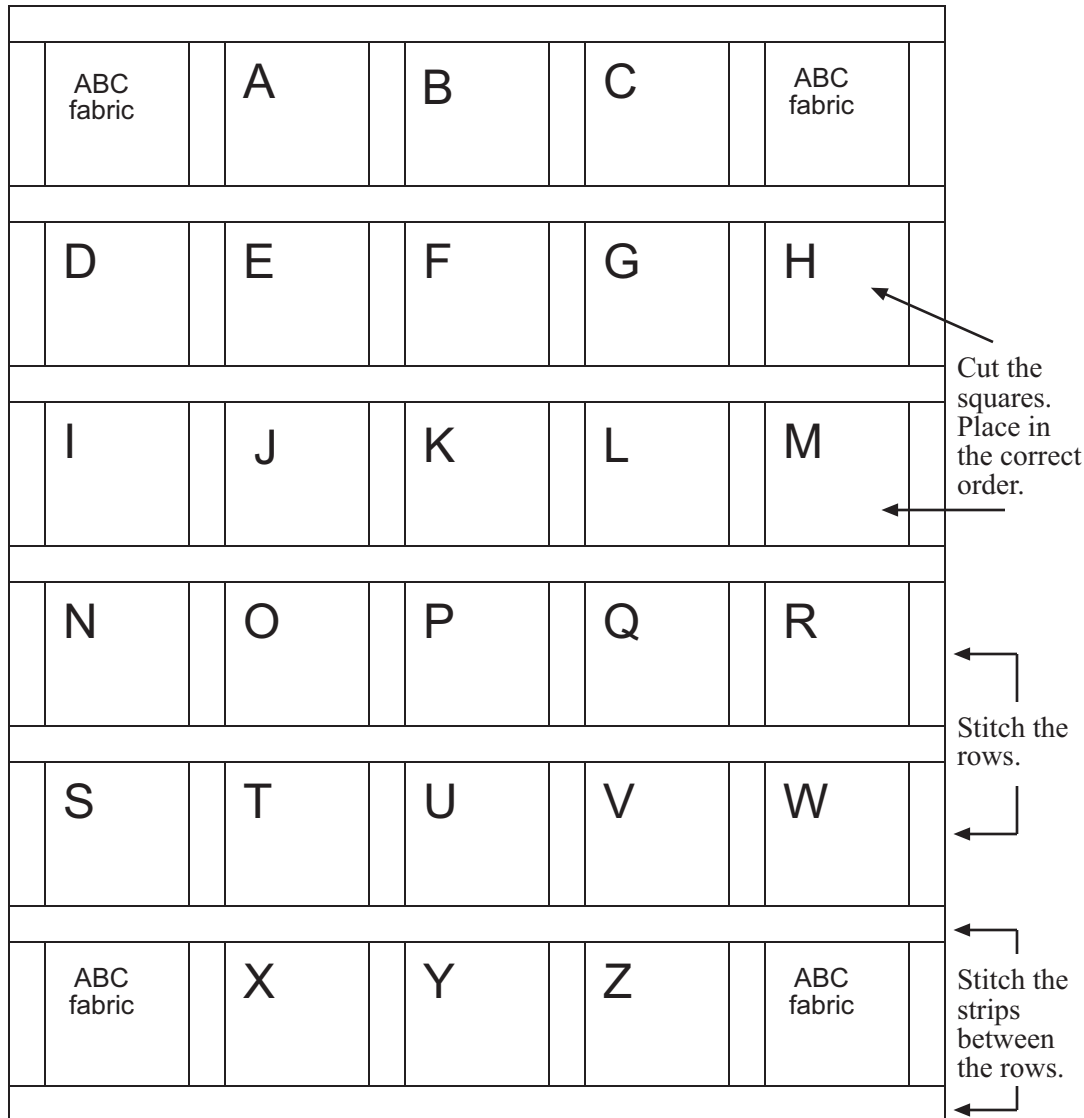
Materials Needed

2 1/2 yd. solid (borders/sashing and back)
1/4 yd. OR 1 fat quarter for each letter and
corner blocks
batting
thread

Letter Checklist

A airplane, apple
B bear, beach ball
C cat, car, cherry
D dog, dinosaur
E elephant, eyes
F fish, frog
G glasses, giraffe
H horse, hippo
I ivy, ice cream, igloo
J jar, jacks, jelly
K kite, keys
L lemon, leaf
M motorcycle, mouse, monkey
N notes, nuts, nest
O oranges, oil cans
P pig, panda
Q quilt, queen
R rabbit, rooster
S star, snail, sun
T turtle, train
U umbrella, unicorn
V violin, valentine
W watermelon, whale
X x-ray, xylophone
Y yarn, yo-yo
Z zebra, zoo
ABC fabric for the 4 corner blocks

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Finished Dimensions

39" x 46 1/2"
 6" square for letters
 1 1/2" borders/sashing strips

Instructions

Note: All seam allowances are 1/4".

1. Cut 26 letter squares and 4 ABC corner squares. Cut each square 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".
2. Cut 36 6 1/2" x 2" border/sashing strips. Using the chart at left as a guide, stitch the strips between the letter squares and on each end of the row. Press the seams toward the strips.
3. Cut 7 2" strips across the width of the fabric. The remainder of the fabric will be used for the back. Stitch these strips between the rows and on the top and bottom. Press the seams toward the strips.
4. Sandwich the batting between the top and back. Baste. Quilt around each square. Quilt the diagonals of each square.
5. Trim the batting even with the top edge. Trim the back edge 3/4" wider than the top edge. Fold the back edge in half, then fold over the top overlapping 1/4". Blind stitch the edge to the top. Don't forget to label your quilt.