

Instant Charm

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Barbara brings you a quick and easy project sure to please any pet. All the fabric you need for this one is a pack of charm squares and a coordinating fabric.

Make one for your pet, and then make another to donate to a local animal shelter in your area.

If you are designing your own, be sure to check out the **Guidelines for Small Kennel Quilts** on the next page to create a safe quilt for pets!

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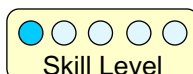
Materials:

- 6 (six) 5" squares cut from six different fabrics
- 1/4 yd fabric for border
- 13-1/2" x 18-1/2" rectangle of fabric for backing
- 13-1/2" x 18-1/2" rectangle of batting

Cutting:

WOF = width of fabric

- From the border fabric cut:
- 2 strips 2-1/2" x WOF. Sub-cut 1 strip into 2 (two) 2-1/2" x 9-1/2" strips. Sub-cut 1 strip into 2 (two) 2-1/2" x 18" strips.



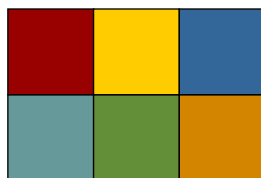
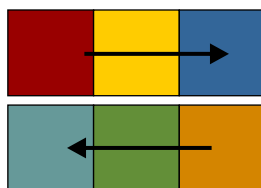
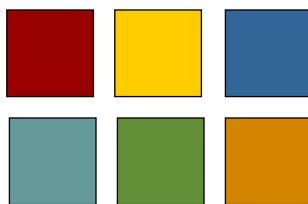
Assembly:

Place pieces right sides together and use 1/4-inch seams unless otherwise noted. Press seams in the direction indicated by the arrows.

1. Arrange the 6 squares into 2 rows as shown.

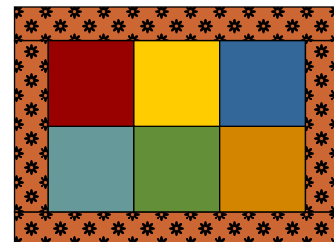
2. Stitch each row together, as shown. Press seams in the top row to the right. Press seams in the bottom row to the left.

3. Sew the rows together, as shown, matching the seams. Press seams to one side.



13" x 17-1/2"

4. Sew a 2-1/2" x 9-1/2" border strip to the right and left sides as shown. Press seams toward the borders. Sew a 2-1/2" x 18" border strip to the top and bottom as shown. Press seams toward the borders.

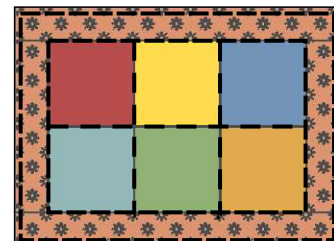


Finishing:

1. Layer in the following order: the batting, the backing fabric (right side up), and the quilt top (right side down).

2. Stitch around the perimeter with a 1/4" seam allowance, leaving an opening on one long side large enough to insert your hand. Clip corners and turn right side out. Turn the edges of the opening under 1/4" and press. Blind stitch the opening closed.

3. Quilt as desired. The sample shown was quilted in the ditch around the squares and also top-stitched 1/4" from the outside edges as shown.



Guidelines for Small Kennel Quilts:

- ▶ Materials used should be 100% cotton (biodegradable).
- ▶ Pre-wash fabrics (pets can have allergies just like humans).
- ▶ Finished size should be 12" x 18". This fits the most commonly used small kennel used at shelters.
- ▶ When piecing, use a small stitch length (e.g. 14 stitches/inch).
- ▶ Do not use binding as it can be hazardous to pets if it becomes loose. Layer, sew around the edge using a small stitch length, and turn quilts pillow-cover style. Whipstitch the opening with small, tight stitches.
- ▶ Use only simple appliqués that are secured with tight stitches along the edges. Avoid using fusibles.
- ▶ Keep the quilting simple and use small tight quilting stitches that won't catch on pet claws. Do not tie quilts as the ends can get caught in claws or chewed off.
- ▶ Do not use any metallic threads or other embellishments (e.g. beads, charms, buttons, ribbons, lace, trims, etc.) of any kind. Do not add handles or loops to the quilt.

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TQPM and **Petfinder Foundation** have joined together to help the animal victims of disasters. When Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast (2012), **Petfinder Foundation** was there. Seeing a need for the animals and shelters that were affected by this storm, they contacted **TQPM** and asked for Kennel Quilts for various shelters.

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Pretty Girl is an **HSPPR** adoptee on her Kennel Quilt during the 2013 Colorado fires.

The readers of **TQPM** responded with over 100 quilts sent from the USA, Canada and England. As a result of the overwhelming response, **TQPM** and **Petfinder Foundation** formed the **TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team**.

TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team is a volunteer organization that is available when disasters strike. It is a way to join a larger effort to help our animal friends in times of need by doing what we love.

Members of the team supply kennel quilts to shelters. Free patterns can be downloaded from the **TQPM** website. Just Click on the **TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team** box on the side bar of any page at **TQPM's** website.

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