

**Sew Practical**  
**Pattern 046**  
**Border Patrol Rag Quilt**

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Simple, yet different, the finished size of this lap quilt will be about 48" W x 60" L. Use a 1" seam allowance to make this quilt. Please read all instructions before beginning.



**Supplies**

Twin size batting

2 yards of 100% cotton for outer border

1 1/3 yards of 100% cotton for 2<sup>nd</sup> border (my green border)

1 yard of 100% cotton for 3<sup>rd</sup> border (my rose columns border)

1 fat quarter for one middle print

1 fat quarter for the other middle print

4 yards flannel for backing

Sharp tipped scissors (rag quilt scissors are easiest to use)

Matching thread

Lint roller

**Optional but Helpful**

Sewing machine

36" cutting mat

Rotary cutter

O'Lipfa ruler

## **Instructions**

**1. Cut (80) 6” squares from batting.**

**2. Cut 8” Squares**

- Cut 32 for outer border
- Cut 24 for 2<sup>nd</sup> border
- Cut 16 for 3<sup>rd</sup> border
- Cut 4 from one fat quarter
- Cut 4 from the other fat quarter
- Cut 80 from flannel

**3. Stack each quilt square as follows:**

- backing with right side (softest side) facing downward,
- batting (centered),
- top fabrics on top with right side (print side) facing upward.

**4. Sew traditional “X” from corner to corner to hold squares together.**

**5. Use the layout diagram below to place squares appropriately.**

**6. Sew squares together using a 1” seam allowance to form each row. Snip the seams as you complete each row.**

**7. Sew rows together using a 1” seam allowance. Again, snip seams after you sew each row together.**

- Snipping the seams as you go saves time and keeps your hands from tiring out as easily as they would if you snipped the seams after completing the quilt.
- If you notice that any of your squares aren’t lining up properly, simply tug or scrunch the squares to align them better.

**8. Sew around the outer edges of the quilt using a 1” seam allowance. Snip the seams.**

**9. Wash the quilt in cold water on the gentle cycle.**

**10. Dry on low.**

- You may want to complete Steps 14 & 15 at a laundry mat for the first wash.
- If you choose to do these steps in your home appliances, be sure to clean out the tubs and all lint traps very well before beginning and after you’re finished. Checking the traps a couple of times and cleaning them may be necessary between beginning and finishing these steps.

**11. Shake well outside. Use a lint roller to remove any remaining loose strings.**

### Layout Key

A = Outer Border

B = 2<sup>nd</sup> Border

C = 3<sup>rd</sup> Border

D = Fat Quarter 1

E = Fat Quarter 2

### Layout Diagram

A A A A A A A A  
A B B B B B B A  
A B C C C C B A  
A B C D E C B A  
A B C E D C B A  
A B C D E C B A  
A B C C C C B A  
A B B B B B B A  
A A A A A A A A

Congratulations! You now have a beautiful homemade heirloom. The shedding becomes less frequent with each wash. You may make quilts from this pattern for fun or profit. Please give designer credit to Sew Practical.

