



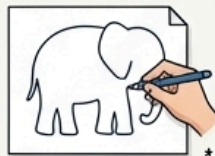
Multicolor Checkerboard Elephant Quilt Block – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

Create a stunning, vibrant quilt block featuring a colorful checkerboard elephant design! This detailed guide walks you through every stage—from planning to finishing—so even beginners in the U.S. can confidently complete this project from start to finish.



TUTORIAL: MAKING THE MULTICOLOR CHECKERBOARD ELEPHANT QUILT BLOCK (FROM IMAGE_0.PNG)

1 DESIGN & PLANNING



- Draw and scale the elephant shape from <IMAGE 0.> Make a full-size template (e.g., 25 cm x 20 cm) and a second template for the ear.

* Tip: Account for seam allowances.

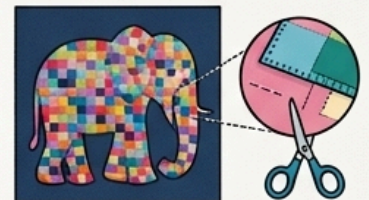
2 PREPARING THE CHECKERBOARD FABRIC



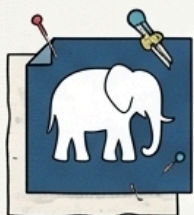
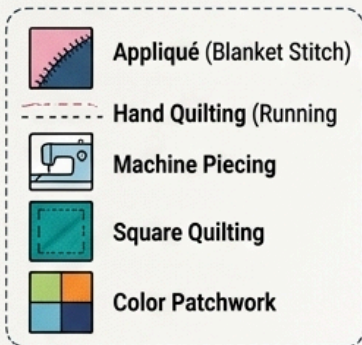
- Select a variety of small-scale or solid colorful fabrics (Teal, Pink, Green, Yellow, Orange, Purple, Red, Blues).
- Cut hundreds of 2.5 cm x 2.5 cm (1 inch) fabric squares.
- Piece squares together (strip piecing recommended) into two main checkerboard panels: one large for the elephant body (approx. 30 cm x 25 cm) and one smaller for the ear. Make a third long checkerboard strip (approx. 8 cm wide) for the border.

* Tip: Press seams as you go. Make enough for the border too.

3 CUTTING THE PATCHWORK



- Pin the main elephants body template to the back of the large patchwork panel. Trace and cut *excluding* the ear.
- Pinn the ear template to the smaller patchwork panel. Trace and cut. Gun
- Cute dark navy blue background fabric to its fiti size (e.g., 35 cm x 35 cm) and a matching piece of batting.

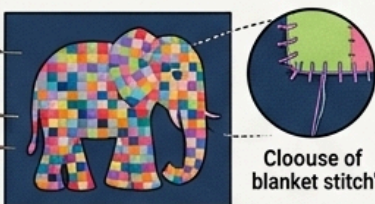


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Final Quilt Block

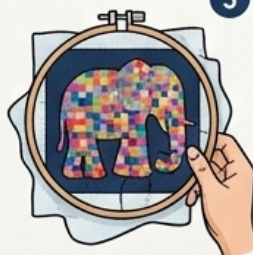
4 APPLIQUÉ THE ELEPHANT



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- Pin and baste the checkerboard elephant body and ear to the center of the dark navy background fabric.
- Appliqué the edges using a decorative 'Blanket Stitch' (or a similar tight zig-zag or hand stitch), covering all raw edges. Use matching thread or a prominent contrasting thread like in IMAGE. 0. Add the small plastic eye at the correct location.

5 QUILTING THE BLOCK



- Layer the quilt top, batting, and a backing fabric (optional, or just to the ground fabric for a panel). Baste the layers.
- Hand quilt or machine quilt through all layers. Use the square grid from the patchwe a guide to quilt the grid across the entire dark navy backtion, as seen in IMAGE. 0.

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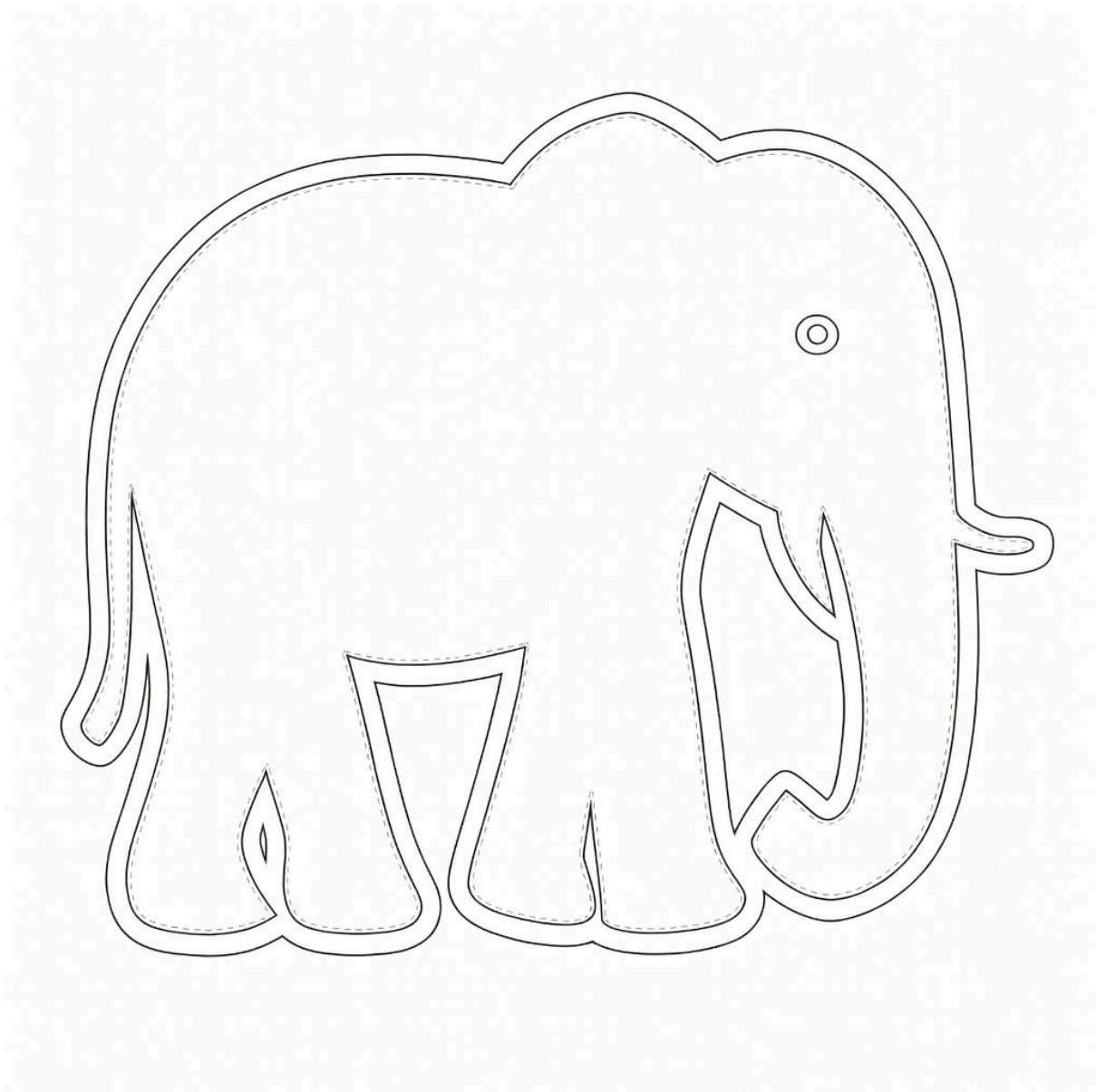
* Tip: Start from the center and quilt outwards.

6 BORDER ASSEMBLY & FINISHING

- Measure and trim the quilted center block.
- Cut the prepared long checkerboard strip into four border sections. Join at the corners with mitered or straight seam.
- Stitch the checkerboard border frame to the binding (fabric color can be nvy or a complementary shade, like teal).




- Finished Block Size: (e.g. 45 cm x 45 cm)
- Elephant Patchwork Square size: 2.5 cm x 2.5 cm (after sewing). Cut squares 3.5 cm x 3.5 cm (to include 1 cm seam allowance).
- All measurements are in CM.



Step 1: Design & Planning

Start by preparing your templates and understanding the structure of your quilt block.

- Draw or print an elephant shape based on your reference.
- Create a **full-size template** (example: 10" x 8" / 25 cm x 20 cm).
- Make a **separate template for the ear**.
- Add seam allowances (typically ¼ inch in the U.S.).
- Decide your finished block size (example: 18" x 18").

 Tip: Use cardstock or template plastic for durability and accuracy.

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Step 2: Preparing the Checkerboard Fabric

This step creates the colorful patchwork that forms the elephant.

- Choose a variety of small-scale or solid fabrics:
 - Teal, pink, green, yellow, orange, purple, red, and blue.
- Cut **small squares (1" x 1")** including seam allowance.
- Sew squares together using strip piecing:
 - First into rows
 - Then join rows into panels

You will need:

- One **large checkerboard panel** (for the elephant body)
- One **smaller panel** (for the ear)
- One **long strip panel** (for the border)


 Tip: Press seams as you go for a flat, professional look.

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Step 3: Cutting the Patchwork

Now transform your patchwork into the elephant shape.

- Pin the **main elephant template** onto the large checkerboard panel.
- Trace around it carefully.
- Cut out the shape **excluding the ear**.
- Repeat for the ear using the smaller panel.
- Cut a **background fabric** (dark navy recommended) slightly larger than your final block (example: 14" x 14").
- Cut a matching piece of batting.

 Tip: Sharp fabric scissors or a rotary cutter will give cleaner edges.

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Step 4: Appliqué the Elephant

This is where your elephant comes to life!

- Position the elephant body and ear on the background fabric.
- Pin or use fabric glue to hold pieces in place.
- Stitch around edges using:
 - Blanket stitch (recommended)

- Tight zigzag stitch (machine)
- Hand stitching (optional)
- Use matching or contrasting thread for decorative effect.
- Add a **small eye detail** (plastic or embroidered).


 Tip: Take your time around curves—especially the trunk and ear.

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Step 5: Quilting the Block

Now assemble and quilt all layers together.

- Layer in this order:
 - Backing fabric
 - Batting
 - Top (your appliqué block)
- Baste layers using pins or spray adhesive.
- Quilt through all layers:
 - Follow the checkerboard grid lines
 - Quilt straight lines across the background

 Tip: Start quilting from the center and work outward to prevent wrinkles.

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Step 6: Border Assembly & Finishing

Finish your quilt block with a bold checkerboard border.

- Trim the quilted center to size (example: 12" x 12").
- Cut your long checkerboard strip into 4 pieces:
 - Top, bottom, and sides
- Attach borders:
 - Sew opposite sides first
 - Then attach remaining sides
- Miter corners for a clean finish (or use straight seams if preferred).
- Add binding:
 - Fold and stitch around edges
 - Hand stitch or machine finish

 Final Measurements (example):

- Finished block: 18" x 18"

- Checkerboard squares: 1" finished size

💡 Tip: Choose a binding color that complements your brightest fabric.

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Final Thoughts

You now have a vibrant **Multicolor Checkerboard Elephant Quilt Block!** 🐘 ✨

This project combines:

- Patchwork precision
- Appliqué creativity
- Quilting texture

It's perfect for:

- Baby quilts
- Wall hangings
- Decorative pillows

Take your time, enjoy the process, and don't worry about perfection—each piece will be uniquely yours.