

## **Fast and Fabulous Baby Quilts from Linda Morand**

*Most are fast, all are fabulous*

*The sizes for these quilts fit the guidelines for our community baby quilts.*

### **Whole Cloth Wonder**

*Makes one quilt 32" by 40"*

Take a fabric panel 32" by 40"

*So you asked for fast? What could be faster!*

### **Improved Whole Cloth Wonder**

*Makes one quilt 32" by 40"*

Decorator or very large size print cut to 24" by 32"

From accent color cut four strips 1 ½" by full width of fabric.

From border fabric cut four strips 3 ½" by full width of fabric.

Sew accent color strips on each edge. Sew border strips on each edge.

### **Number Nine, Number Nine, Number Nine**

*Makes two quilts 40" by 40"*

One-yard dark fabric

One-yard light fabric

Four 3 ½" strips accent fabric

Press yard pieces in half with selvages together. Stack yard pieces on top of each other with fold edge lined up. True up both cut edges. From fold edge make a cut nine inches by the length of the fabric through all layers. Make another cut nine inches from that cut. Take away selvage pieces. From left cut edge make a cut nine inches through both strips. Make another cut nine inches through both strips. Open up folded pieces and arrange two large nine patch variation blocks with the dark fabric in the center and the corners and the light fabric on the sides and the opposite arrangement for the second quilt. Sew on the border strips.

### **Checkerboard No. 1**

*Makes one quilt 32" by 40"*

From light fabric cut three strips 4 ½" x full width of fabric.

From dark fabric cut three strips 4 ½" x full width of fabric.

From accent color cut four strips 1 ½" by full width of fabric.

From border fabric cut four strips 3 ½" by full width of fabric.

Sew strips together into strata alternating dark and light.

Press seams to dark. Cut strata cross ways into eight 4 ½" strips.

Starting from top turn every other row around so you have a

Checkerboard pattern of blocks. Sew strips together matching seams.

Sew on accent strips. Sew on border strips.

## Checkerboard No. 2

*Makes two baby quilts 32" by 40" each*

From light fabric cut six strips 4 ½" x full width of fabric.

From medium fabric cut three strips 4 ½" x full width of fabric.

From dark fabric cut three strips 4 ½" x full width of fabric.

From accent color cut eight strips 1 ½" by full width of fabric.

From border fabric cut eight strips 3 ½" by full width of fabric.

Sew two strip sets together into strata alternating dark and light in one and medium and light in another. Press seams to darker fabric in each set.

Cut each strata cross ways into eight 4 ½" strips. Starting from top swap sets and turn every other row around so you have a checkerboard pattern of blocks. Each quilt has six blocks across and eight blocks down. Sew strips together matching seams. Sew on accent strips on each quilt. Sew on border strips on each quilt.

*For variation make each strip in the second strata a different fabric*

## Charmed, I'm Sure

*Makes one quilt 40" square*

32 five-inch squares of dark fabric

32 five-inch squares of light fabric

23 five-inch squares of light accent color

23 five-inch squares of dark accent color

On the wrong side of each light five-inch square of light fabric draw a diagonal line from corner to opposite corner. Pair each light fabric with a dark fabric. Sew a ¼" seam on each side of the line. Cut on the line. Press seams to dark. **Important** the half square triangles are oversize. You must trim them to 4 ½". Sew half square triangles together. Border: Pair each light five-inch square of light accent color with a square of dark accent color. Sew a ¼" seam along both side edges. Cut through both layers 2 ½" from the edge in both directions. You should have four pieces Press seams to dark. Matching center seams sew together two pieces into a four patch with darks opposite each other. Make 46 four-patch blocks for border.

## Even More Charming

*Makes one quilt 32" by 40"*

Sixteen 5" charm squares (different or same fabric) of darks

Sixteen 5" charm squares (different or same fabric) of light

Seven 5" charm squares accent color fabric

19" x full width of yardage (40"+) of sashing fabric

Half yard of border fabric

Cut three 5" charm squares of accent fabric into twelve 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares. Put aside nine.

Cut two strips 6 ½" by full width of sashing fabric and two strips 2 ½" wide.

Cut forty 6 ½" by 2 ½" rectangles from strips.

Cut four strips 3 ½” by full width of fabric from border fabric

Sew four nine-patch blocks with the darks in the corner and the accent color in the center of each block. The lights are in between the darks. Measure 2 ¼” from the seam edge and cut the nine-patch block in half exactly both ways. Measuring from the smaller accent color on the lower left, trim your block on the right and top to 6 ½” square. (You are trimming the sides with the charm square in the corner.)

Sew a 2 ½” x 6 ½” sashing strip to the bottom of the block with the accent color on the lower left. Sew a 2 ½” x 2 ½” square of accent fabric to a 2 ½” x 6 ½” sashing strip. You need a total of 24. Sew to block with accent colors touching corners. Sew four sashing units together to make the sashing strip. You need two. Sew one accent color square to the end of one strip. Sew the blocks together in rows of four with the sashing in the same orientation. Sew on the separate sashing strips. Measure through the center of the quilt for your border measurement. Sew on sides first and then measure for the top and bottom borders. Sew on the borders.

## Jacobs’s More Charming Ladder

*Makes one quilt 40” square*

16 five-inch squares of dark fabric  
 32 five-inch squares of light fabric  
 16 five-inch squares of accent color  
 Four 4 ½” by 42” strips of border fabric

On the wrong side of 16 light five-inch square of light fabric draw a diagonal line from corner to opposite corner. Pair each light fabric with a dark fabric. Sew a ¼” seam on each side of the line. Cut on the line. Press seams to dark. **Important** the half square triangles are oversize. You must trim them to 4 ½”. Sew half square triangles together. You should have 32 half square triangle blocks.

Four patch blocks: Pair 16 light five inch square of light color with a square of accent color. Sew a ¼” seam along both side edges. Cut through both layers 2 ½” from the edge in both directions. You should have four pieces Press seams to dark. Matching center seams sew together two pieces into a four patch with darks opposite each other. Make 32 four-patch blocks. Sew half square triangle blocks together with four patch blocks according to photo. Sew on borders.