Banded Checkerboards
97” x 109”

To make the quilt pictured:

You need:

- 3 ½ yards of navy blue for strips and border
- 2 3/8 yards of royal blue for strips
- 2 7/8 yards of light blue for strips and inner border
- Approximately 5 yards of various light and dark green and blue 2” strips and squares for checkerboards
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding.
This quilt consists of only one block: It looks like this: It measures 12½” x 12½” before sewing together into the quilt. Use ¼” seam allowances throughout.

### Cut:

From navy, light blue and royal blue

- Cut 37 1½” strips x WOF (width of fabric) of each color which you will then sew together as a unit and sub cut. You can get 3 strip sets out of each 40” strip. *(If you fabric happens to be wider or you wish to sew together your strips, you won’t need as many as 37 strips. Just make a total of 112 such strip sets units.)*

Sew together like this – press:

And then cut:

 plus there will be some left over.

Make 112 of these strip sets.

These pieces should measure 3½” x 12½”.

From various scraps and misc. pieces of blues and greens, both light and dark,

- Cut 2” strips.

### Construct blocks:

The blocks will finish at 12½” x 12½”.

Make your checkerboard pieces: Summary - Using 2” light and dark strips, make strip sets using 4 strips (2 lights and 2 darks) Press. Cut off 2” segments. Sew 2 of these strip sets together so they are they are 8
squares long keeping with the light/dark pattern. Always press the same direction so the seams will nest when you sew 4 of these strips together.

Here are diagrams and detailed instructions: Find 4 strips approximately the same length. Sew together like this:

Cut off 2” segments like this:

Do a lot of these in various color combinations, keeping light/dark pattern. Make a LOT! You will need 448 of these little strips of 4.

When you get a nice variety of these, sew 2 of these little strips of 4 together to make a strip of 8.

You will need a total of 224 of these strips. Press either towards the dark square on the end or the light – but do them all the same.

Once you have these strips, sew them together into a 4x8 grid like this:

I call these the checkerboards. They should measure 6½”x12½”.

Add the bands that you made previously (under “Cut”). Sew the royal blue next to the checkerboards. Press.
Make 56 blocks.

**How to make this quilt:**

1. **Construct your blocks.**
2. **Place blocks as in this diagram** by putting every other block at a 90 degree angle to the one beside it. Using this diagram put your blocks as indicated. Ignore the borders for the moment.
3. **Sew the blocks together** as per the layout.
4. **Borders:**
   - Cut light blue strips 2” x WOF. Sew together to get a length approximately right and lay across the middle of the quilt to measure. Sew on both sides. Repeat for top and bottom.
   - Cut navy blue strips 5½” x WOF. Sew together pieces to get long pieces. Lay across the middle of the quilt to fit. Cut. Sew on the sides. Repeat for the top and bottom.
5. **Press well.**
6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
7. **Quilt** as desired. The quilt is so busy, I just did a simple stipple.


Congratulations!

Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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