Granny’s Checkerboard

About 102” x 102”

To make the quilt pictured:

**You need:**

- 3-4 yards of various colored blue scraps for making the granny squares – I was using various pieces of shirting and clothing articles, so I am only going by what EQ says. Each granny square uses 25 – 2 ½” squares.
• 6 yards of cream for background – I’m kind of guessing here, since EQ calls for 18 7/8 yards which is crazy!
• 4 yards of navy blue for background – I’m kind of guessing here as EQ calls for 12 3/8 yards of blue which is crazy – esp. since I didn’t have that much!
• 3/4 yards for the binding (I cut into 2½” strips and do a folded over binding)

This quilt consists of 1 main block. It measures 18½”x 18½” before sewn into the top. I did make it in two colorways, however. One has cream as the background and the other, navy.

**Cut:**

**For each cream background granny square block:**

From blues:
- You need to cut coordinating 2½” squares of your blue scraps in the following increments:
  1, 4, 8, 12 coordinating in order to make your granny square look like mine.

From cream:
- 4 - 2½”x 2½” squares
- 4 – 2½”x 4½” rectangles
- 4 – 2½” x 6½” rectangles
- 2 – 2½”x 14½” rectangles

**For each navy background granny square block:**

From blues:
- You need to cut coordinating 2½” squares of your blue scraps in the following increments:
  1, 4, 8, 12 coordinating in order to make your granny square look like mine.

From navy:
- 4 - 2½”x 2½” squares
- 4 – 2½”x 4½” rectangles
- 4 – 2½” x 6½” rectangles
- 2 – 2½”x 14½” rectangles
How to make the blocks:
I made the granny square blocks by first making the center section and then adding the outer frame.

Sew together strips of off white and blues as shown on this diagram:

I made mine individually so as not to get confused. One at a time.

After you finish sewing the strips together, press your seams all one direction. Then, sew these strips together to form the center of the block:
At this point the block will be 14 ½”x 14 ½”.

Add the 2 ½”x 14 ½” cream strips to the sides like this:

Then, after pressing well, add the 2 ½”x 18 ½” strips to the top and bottom:

You will need to make 16 with navy as the background and 25 with cream as the background. Unfortunately! You will need 9 cream blocks “in full” – choose your favorite ones, and you will 12 for the side setting triangles (pictures at the end) and 4 for the corner setting triangles (trimming pics at the end)

**How to make this quilt:**

1. Using this diagram, place your blocks as shown below and sew together in rows. Look to the end of the pattern for more pictures showing how I laid this out and put the top together.
Starting in the top left corner, sew your rows together and side setting triangles to form a row. I leave the 4 corner pieces until very last.
See pictures at the end on how to trim your cream granny square blocks to form the setting triangles as shown.

2. **Press well.**
3. **Sandwich,** using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
4. **Quilt** as desired. I used all over hearts.
5. **Bind,** using whatever method you wish.

**Congratulations!**
Your quilt is finished!

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This one was a lot of fun for me as I really enjoy making granny squares. I think just making all the different combinations appeals to me. I only needed 12 of one to make the largest outer round – and the other two rounds – 8 and 4 plus a middle square. I enjoyed mixing and matching the designs for the rounds.

Sometimes I made the colors gradually darker or lighter, but sometimes I went light/dark/light/dark. Just take a look at the top I made for various examples.
Pictures for trimming the setting triangles.

How to cut for the side setting triangles: You will need 12 for this top.

Take one of your finished cream colored background granny square blocks and place it like this:

Put the ruler across it diagonally, but not right in the middle – instead, make the line come down about ½” to the outside of the middle.

The bigger piece that is leftover is your side setting triangle. Put the smaller piece into your scraps. It’s a sad day, for sure. I am using them in my leftover blues crumb blocks.
Here is one that is laid out in the quilt setting.

How to cut up a granny square to make the corner setting triangles: You need 4.

Cut the first cut as for the side setting triangles, then turn the big piece (the one without the x on it) and cut again – once again, about \( \frac{1}{2}'' \) to the outside of the middle as shown below:
When laying out the quilt – first decide that you like the layout and then add in the side setting triangles.
Trim side setting triangles - place into position

Sew into rows –
Sew all rows together to form the top as a whole and then add your corner side setting triangles which you should have cut by now.