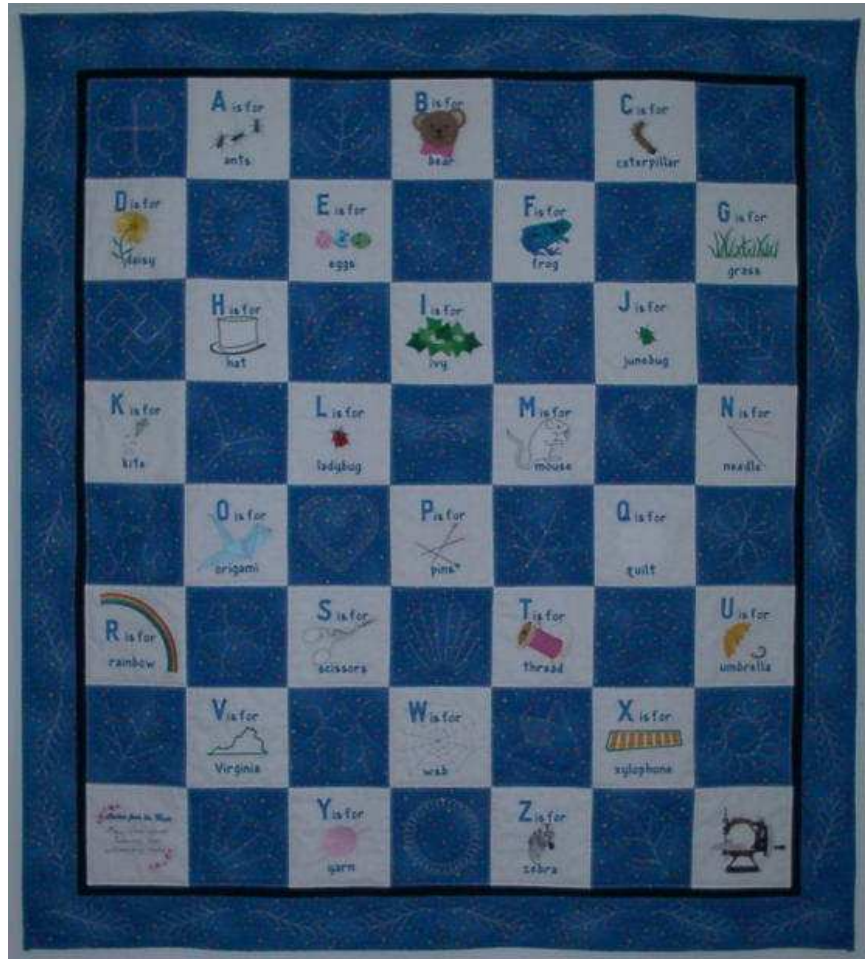


ABC Quilt Project by Mary Jane Allen
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- Supplies for a 41" by 46" quilt
- 1-1/2 yards white on white fabric for embroidered squares (45" wide)
- 3-1/2 yards blue print fabric for background and quilt back (45" wide)
- 1-1/4 yards black fabric for inner border
- Cotton batting 45" by 60"
- Assorted embroidery threads
- Tear-away stabilizer
- Scrap of batting for the "Q" square
- Cotton bobbin thread for embroidery
- Cotton thread for piecing
- Cotton machine quilting thread for quilting

Reserve enough blue fabric for quilt back. From remaining blue fabric, cut four strips 2-1/2" wide for binding. Cut four strips 3" wide for border. Cut 28 5-1/2" squares.

Cut white fabric into 28 5-1/2" squares. Assemble checkerboard pattern as shown in illustration, using 1/4" seams.

Cut four 1" wide strips of black fabric for inner border. Add to checkerboard. Add the outer border.

Use tear-away stabilizer to embroider the white squares, centering each design within the square. With the signature square, use an indelible pen to write your name, date and location while the square is still in the hoop (to hold it steady).

Layer and pin-baste the quilt. Stitch a grid pattern 1/8" on each side of the checkerboard seams and 1/8" outside of the black border. Use the quilt designs to quilt the layers of the blue squares. Hoop without stabilizer.

For the border, use the *Giant Hoop It All* and sticky stabilizer. Cut a window in the stabilizer 3" by 5", centered on one side, one inch in from the edge of the hoop. In your software, rotate the feather design so it is correctly oriented for use as a border design. Along each side, the feather is centered with each square. On the top and bottom borders, the feather is centered between squares. Position the quilt so that the feather will embroider in the cut-out window. Use fresh sticky stabilizer for each side.

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