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## **Nick's Fabric Board Game Project**

Difficulty Level: Easy

Time To Complete: Weekend



Practise and perfect your quarter inch seam with Nick's versatile fabric game board project. Ideal for keeping you and family occupied during isolation, this beginner-friendly project can be personalised and is sure to offer up many hours of enjoyment, not only when making it, but with all the games played on it afterwards too!

You will need:

Foot #97

Foot #1D

Four 22" x 2.5" fabric strips in colour A

Four 22" x 2.5" fabric strips in colour B

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Tip - Jelly roll strips are perfect for this project.

Wadding - 20" x 20"

Backing fabric - 20" x 20"

Binding fabric - ¼ meter

Basting spray or pins

Oddments of felt

Small beads (optional)

Buttons (optional)

Sequins (optional)

Embroidery thread and needle (optional)

Small fabric scraps (optional)

Paper

Fabric marker

Scissors (for paper and fabric)

Rotary cutter

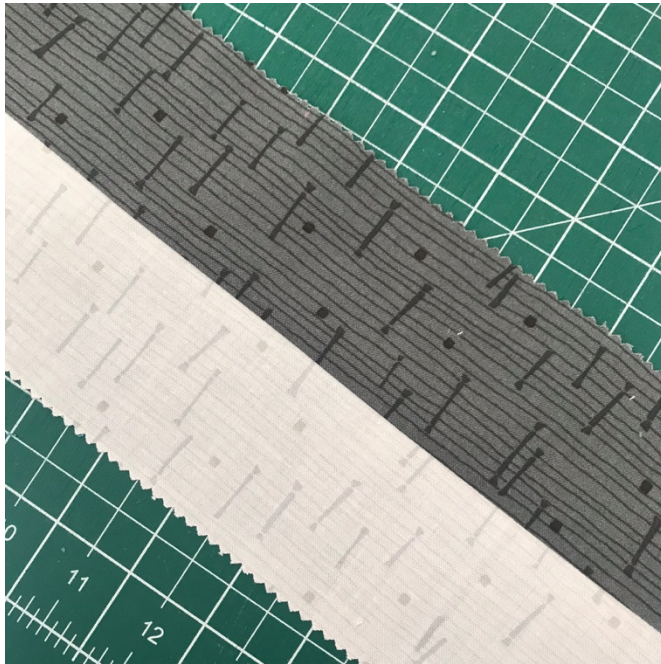
Patchwork ruler

Thread

Hand sewing needle

Pins

## Stage 1



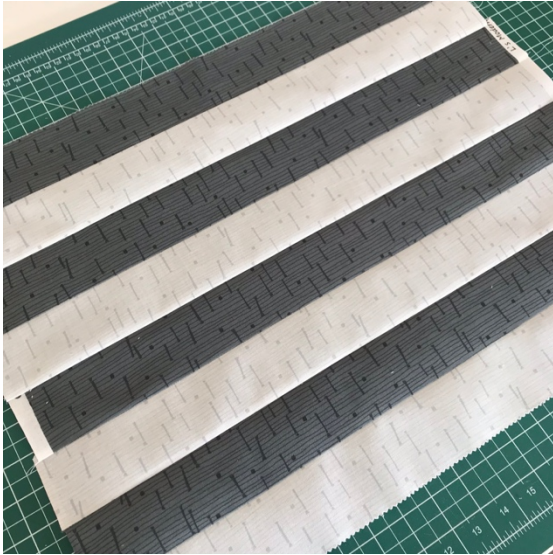
Pair up one colour A strip and one colour B strip right sides together. Sew along the long edge using an accurate ¼" seam. Press the seam to the darker fabric, taking

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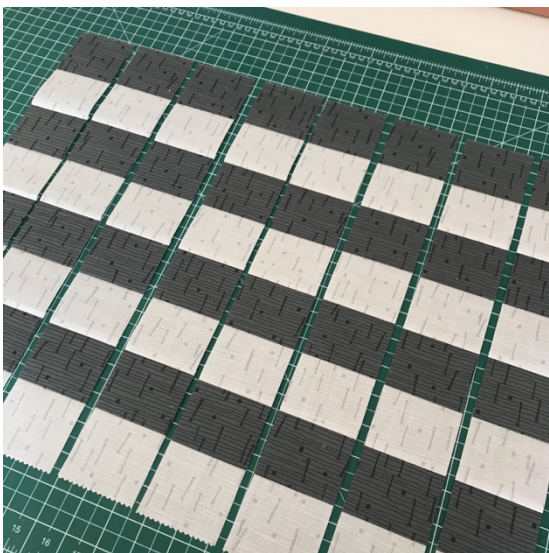
care not distort the strip. Repeat for the other six strips until you have four pairs of strip sets.

## Stage 2



Alternate the four strip sets so that the pattern runs light, dark, light, dark etc. and sew together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press the seams to the darker fabric.

## Stage 3





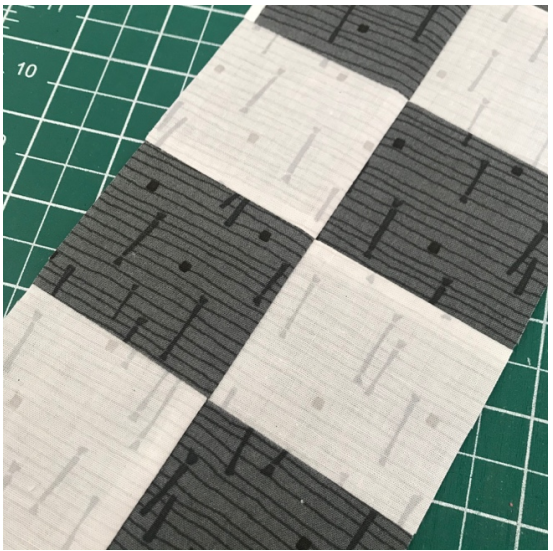
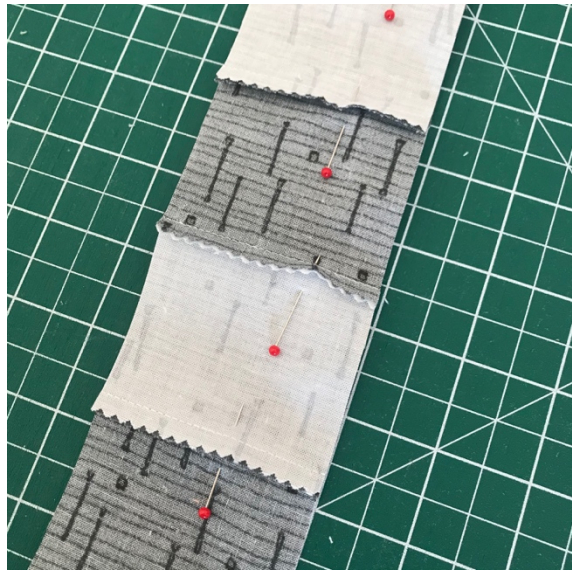
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Using a rotary cutter and ruler, sub-cut the joined strips across the seams into eight 2.5" wide pieces. Rotate every other piece 180 degrees to give a checkboard effect.

## Stage 4

Take two strips and place them right sides together. To ensure accuracy, butt up the seams so they nest and pin in place at each intersection. Sew together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and press. Repeat for the other six strips, then sew these strip sets together. Press the patchwork board well, again taking care not to distort the fabric.

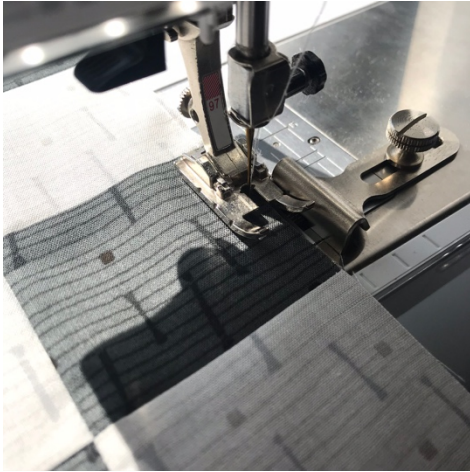


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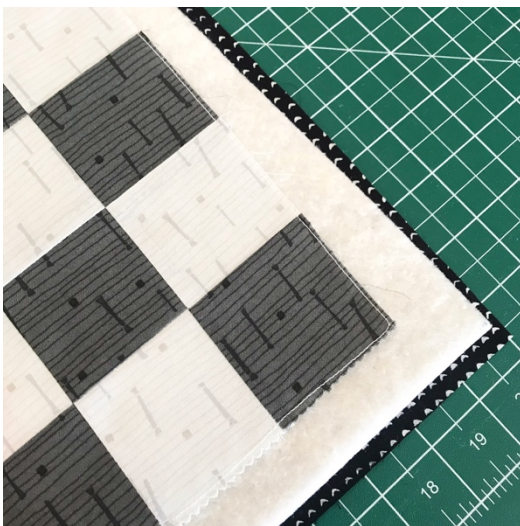
## Stage 5

To secure the edges of the board, stay stitch around the perimeter, 1/8" away from the edge.



## Stage 6

Baste your completed board using spray adhesive or pins and quilt in a design of your choice. We used our machine's dual feed function and foot #1D to quilt a diagonal crosshatch that intersects each square on the board. Choose a design that isn't too busy and won't distract from the playing squares.





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Trim the excess wadding and backing from your quilted board. Use the ruler's marking to ensure the outer squares finish at  $2\frac{1}{4}$ ". This will ensure that they finish at 2" once the binding has been sewn on with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



## Stage 7

Bind the edges of the quilt using your favorite method.

Your game board is complete!



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## **Making the accessories**

This board can be used for all sorts of games, including chess, draughts and snakes and ladders. Have fun inventing your own game rules.

In a time where it is difficult to get out and shop for supplies, take a look to see what you already have. If you don't have a dice, make one from a folded paper net or use a digital one.

For a snakes and ladders set like we made, first use some paper to draw the shapes needed, or print off templates found online. We then used a fabric marker to draw around the templates onto felt. Felt is ideal because it doesn't fray. Quick and easy!

Embellish your snakes with beads, sequins or decorative hand stitching. This is where young sewers can really go wild! By not stitching the pieces down, the board layout can be changed.



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For playing pieces for draughts, use buttons or beads. If your machine has embroidery capabilities, stitch out small circles and use pinking shears to cut close to the stitching. Use the lettering function to stitch out the names of chess pieces on to two different colours of fabric.

There are so many ways to customise this project, sure to keep little hands busy.