

2009 QFL Charming Options

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Charm pack pieces are cut 5" square. You may think this rather limiting for design options, however, let's see if I can come up with something new and different. I will take you through my thought process and you can note what designs pop into your head as well.

Okay, without getting difficult, there are basically 4 ways of using a 5" square –

As a whole – 5" x 5" (that's the easiest)

Cut it in half lengthwise, forming 2 – 2 1/2" x 5" strips

Cut it in half diagonally

Cut it into 4 squares 2 1/2" square –turning it into a 4 square

Let's put them ALL together and see what happens.



This patch consists of 4 charm blocks –

1 block is uncut

2 blocks use two charm squares, cut them half lengthwise and sew them back together

1 block used two charm squares, cut them diagonally and sew them back together. Use the other square for another block.

I found it easiest to make my four separate parts, sew them together and then square the block to the right size.

Because of the different types of seams, each of these parts will be a different size before assembly.

Assemble all squares as shown. This exact patch is used throughout. It is simply turned different ways to form the pattern in the quilt project.

This is just one of about 18 patterns I "doodled" in EQ using this and the crazy block. It was fun!

Charm Runner

Finished Size – 29" x 37"

Block size – 8"

Borders – the first and outer border are 1" finished width (1 1/2" cut width), the wide border is 6" finished width (6 1/2" cut width)

Fabric Requirements

2 charm packs

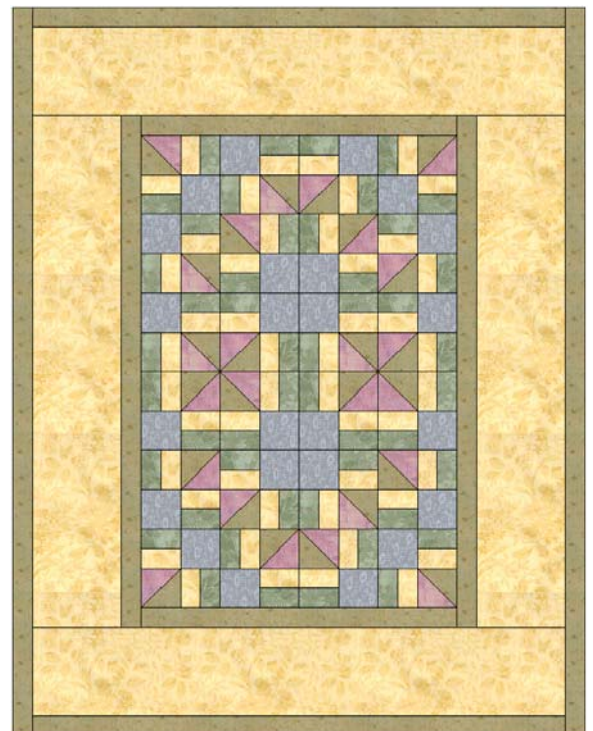
Inner border and binding – 1 1/4 yard (no seams)

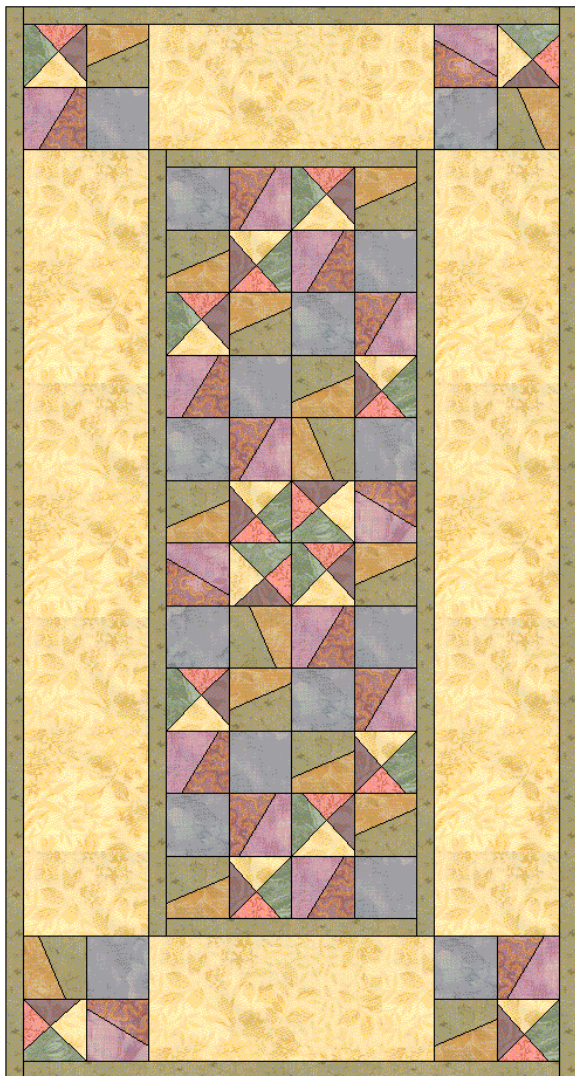
Center wide border – 1 yard

* If you want to use this fabric for all the light pieces throughout the quilt, this will be enough

Because you are using charm squares, this will have a scrappier look.

Sort your charm squares according to color and value. Using similar color, make 24 of the blocks shown below.





Crazy Charm Runner

Finished Size –

Shown left - 32 x 60

(You may make this any length you want simply by adding or subtracting blocks)

Block Size – 7”

This uses nearly an identical block as the previous pattern, only it is “crazy”.

Borders – the first and outer border are 1” finished width (1 ½” cut width), the wide border is 6” finished width (6 ½” cut width)

Fabric Requirements

2 charm packs

Inner border and binding – 2 yards (not pieced)

Center wide border – 1 ½ yards (not pieced)

Sort your charm squares according to color and value. Using similar color, make 16 of the blocks shown below

This patch consists of 4 charm blocks –

1 block is uncut

2 blocks use two charm squares, cut and off center diagonal cut lengthwise and sew them back together

1 block used 4 charm squares, with right sides both UP, cut them diagonally and sew them back together. Line them up again, right sides UP, cut them diagonally once more and sew them back together. You now have a crazy 4-patch. Use the other squares for other blocks.

I found it easiest to make my four separate parts, sew them together and then square the block to the right size. Because of the different types of seams, each of these parts will be a different size before assembly.

Assemble all squares as shown. This exact patch is used throughout. It is simply turned different ways to form the pattern in the quilt project.

