

Small Boys Rag Quilt Pattern



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Fabric needed for this quilt:

1 yard of each of 2 different fabrics for the front and 2 yards for the back, we used tan flannel. You can use a solid contrasting color flannel for the back as it creates a frame around each of the front squares or choose a natural color that will blend in with the front squares.

You can use any 100% cotton or flannel fabric print to emphasize your own taste and imagination. Flannel will provide a fluffier look when ragged. Do not use a blend. The blends or other types of material will not rag.

Cutting Fabric:

Cut 8 ½" squares of the fabrics. 15 of each color for the front and 30 for the back.

Cut (30) 6 ½" Warm and Natural batting.

Rag Quilt Basics

Rag quilts are easy to make, but the big difference is you have to remember to sew with the seam allowances on the front of the quilt.

We will be sewing our rag quilt with a 1" seam allowance. This 1" seam enhances the ragging effect. To help with the 1" seam place a piece of masking tape on your sewing machine on the 1" mark to follow with the edge of your fabric as a guide line and remind you of the 1" allowance.

Making the individual blocks

We now will be making a sandwich using two fabric squares (one from the front and one from the back) with one batting or flannel square place in the center of the two pieces. Place one fabric square from your front material face down on your work table. Place one 6 ½" batting or flannel piece centered on your front piece. Now place a backing square face up on top of the batting square, lined up with your front piece. Pin all three pieces together and set aside.

Continue for all the squares. As shown below.



Preparing for the next step, depending on your sewing expertise it may be helpful to use a fabric pencil or marker and using a ruler so you get straight lines. Mark an X across each quilt square corner to corner to provide a straight line to follow when sewing the individual blocks together. NOTE **** (Before marking your quilt block, test your marking tool on a fabric scrap to make sure it does not bleed and that it washes out)
Now sew each block corner to corner following the lines you have drawn. Continue until all 56 squares are sewn together with the X.

Assembling the squares

Lay out the squares as shown in the diagram at the bottom of these instructions.

We will now be sewing each of the blocks together forming separate vertical rows. Starting with the first vertical row take the 1st and 2nd blocks, place backs together and sew a 1" seam. Continue down this row sewing the 2nd to the 3rd, 3rd to the 4th etc, until you have sewn all the blocks in this row together. Remember backs together with a 1" seam. Continue until you have all the blocks sewn together forming single vertical rows.

Now you need to sew the rows together, make sure the seam allowance is on the correct side (top) . To make the quilt more manageable we will sew the rows in different steps. Lay out the separate rows per the diagram. Taking the 1st and 2nd Vertical rows, put back sides together, align the seams. To prevent bunching, fold the intersecting seam allowances opposite directions. Fold the bottom allowance toward you and fold the top seam allowance away from you and pin at this seam. If you have a walking foot for your machine it would be helpful in that it helps the bottom square from sliding out of alignment with the seam on the top square as you sew, but this is not necessary if you don't, just try to keep the seams together. After sewing these two rows together, set them aside and repeat the same procedure with the 3rd, 4th and 5th row. Depending on the number of vertical rows you have you may have to sew the last 3 verticals rows together at the same time. Refer to the diagrams for illustration. Confirm the seams allowances are all on the top of the quilt.

Now you should have rows 1 and 2, plus 3 ,4 and 5 sewn together we will be taking these and sewing them together. This is the last step in sewing your quilt together join the halves together in the same fashion as you did with the individual rows.

After all the vertical rows are sewn together, sew a 1" seam all the way around the outer edge of the quilt.

Creating the rag fringe

If you are using our pre-cut pre-clipped rag quilt kits which save tons of time, you will be able to skip this step. You will now need to make the fringe by clipping the seam allowance about $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart, forming $\frac{1}{4}$ " tabs, about $\frac{3}{4}$ " in from then edge on all the seam allowances and be careful not to clip into the sewn seam. If you do clip into the seam you will have to re-sew the seam starting just before the point where the seam sewing was cut and continue past it to prevent the previous seam from coming undone.



Washing the quilt

This procedure starts the ragging effect.

You should wash the quilt in cold water, cleaning out your wash drum when done as there will be lots of thread and little pieces that come off. Take the quilt out and shake it removing more of the remnant threads that come from the clipped allowance. Put your quilt in the dryer and check the vent filter every 15 minutes or so and clean it off to avoid the filter from being plugged. Again when dried take it out and shake it again. Also at this time by looking at the back, check for places where the seams got clipped and repair as previous described. The ragging effect will only improve with each washing.

This is a fun and easy quilt to make. Don't forget to take pictures for your album and enjoy.

If anything is unclear or if you encounter any problems, you can contact us and we will be glad to assist.

We do have a batting kit for this exact kit on our Ebay store [Http://stores.ebay.com/Rags-To-Stitches](http://stores.ebay.com/Rags-To-Stitches) Plus we do carry Pre-cut, Pre-clipped rag quilt kits also available at the store. We also now provide cutting service where you can send us your fabric and we can cut it into pre-cut, pre-fringed (clipped) blocks. Available size blocks are $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square, $5\frac{3}{4}$ square and $8\frac{1}{2}$ " X $5\frac{1}{4}$ " plus pre-clipped, pre-fringed hearts and star appliqué. The charge is only \$3.50 per yard but could save you hours hand pain staking work.

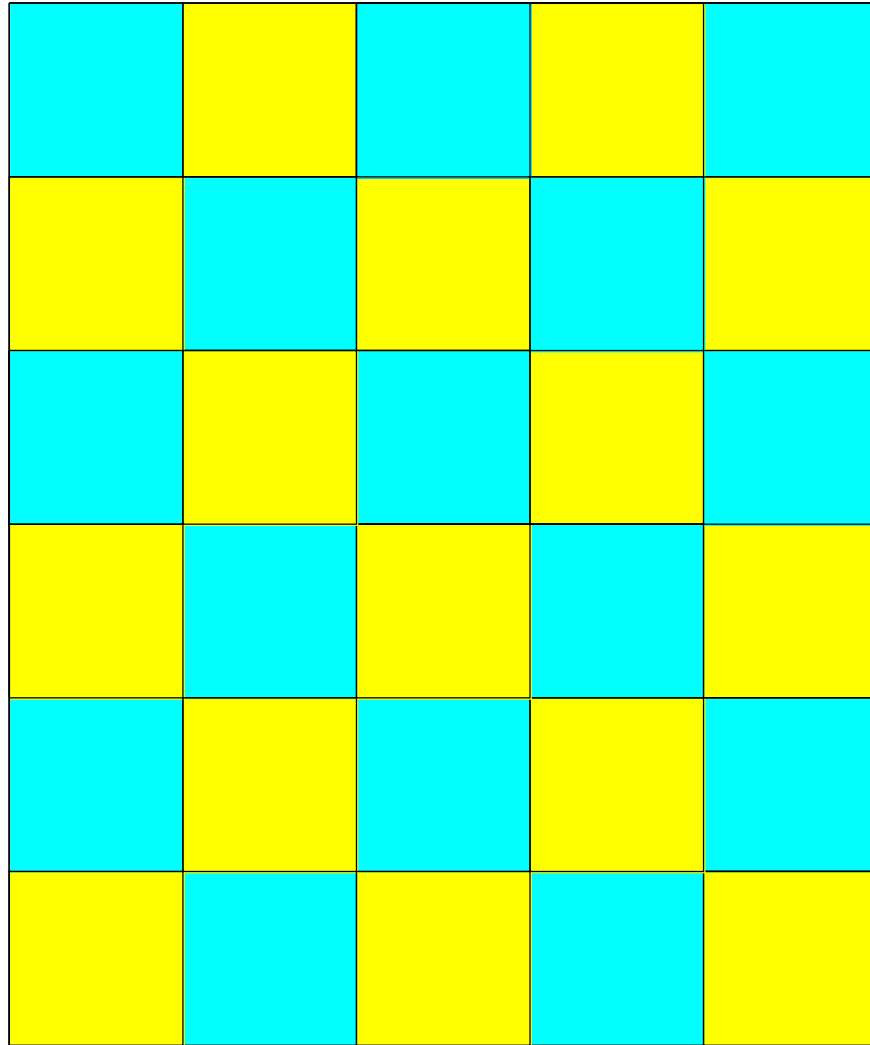
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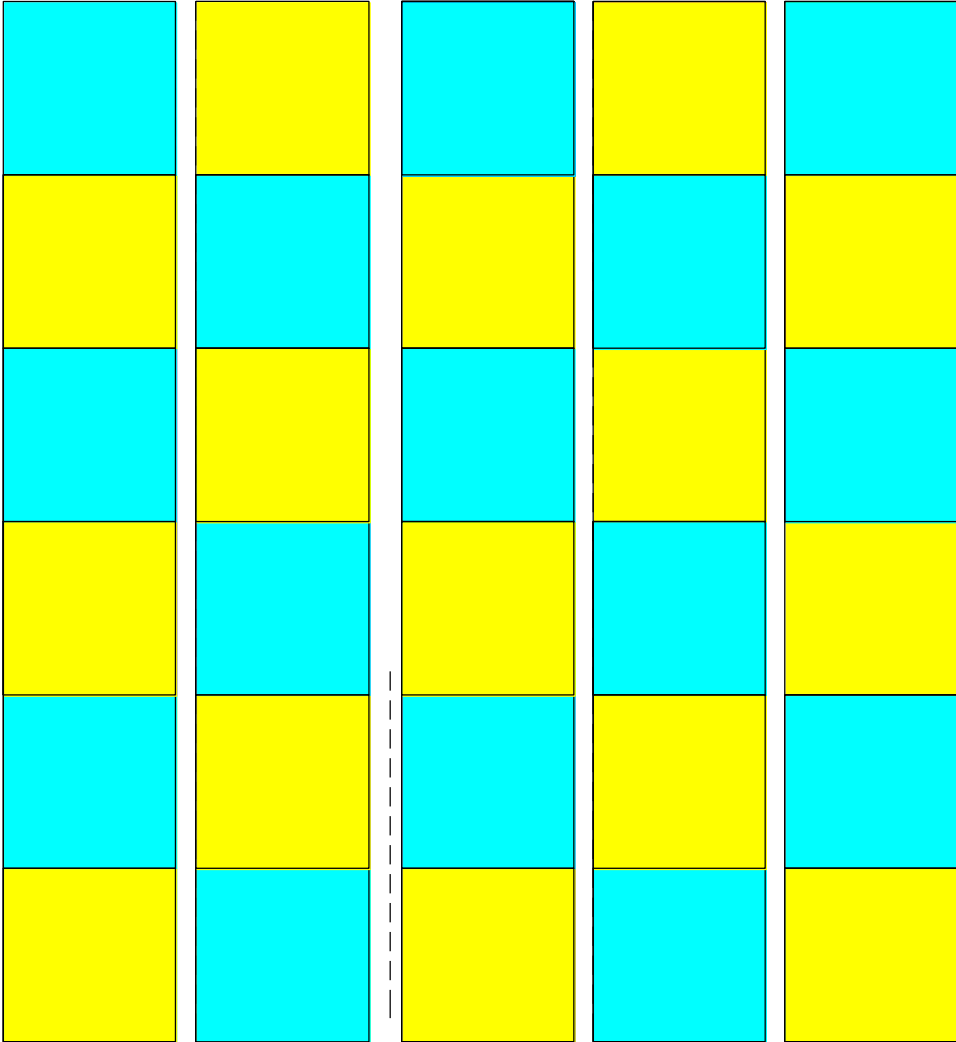
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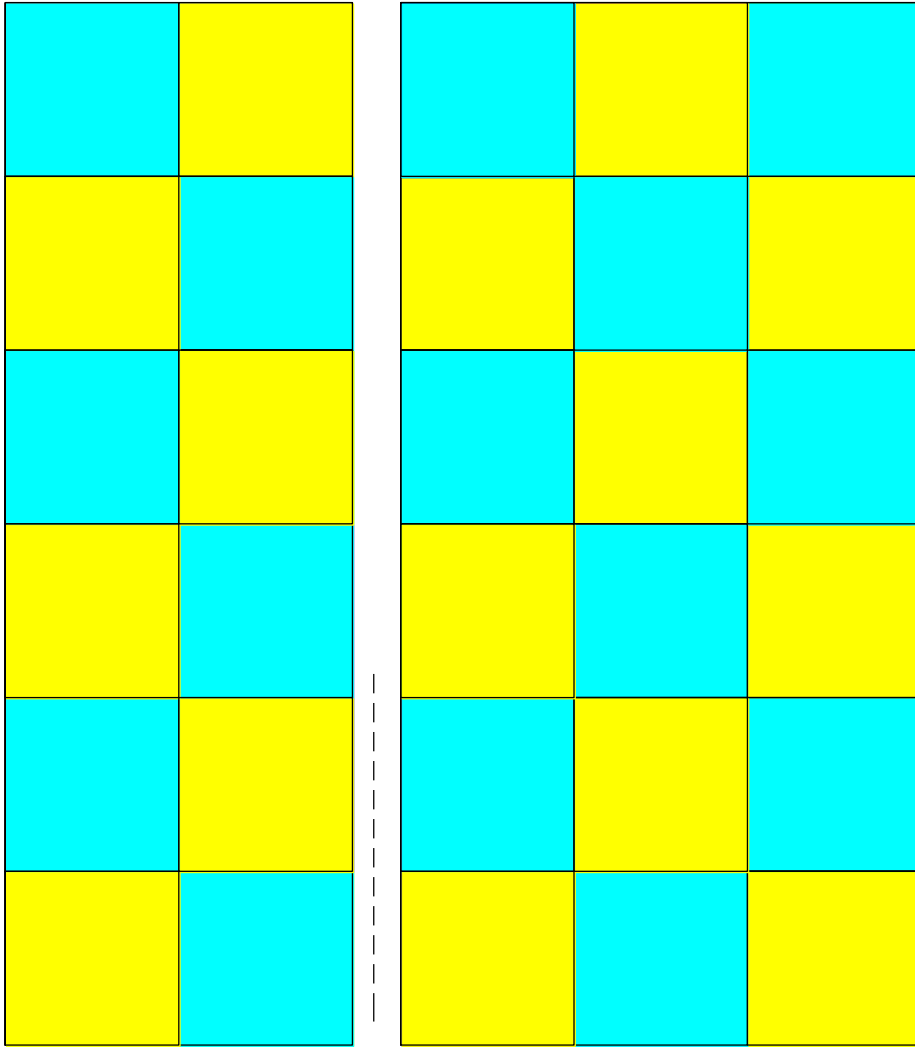
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MAKING SINGLE VERTICAL ROWS



ROWS 1 AND 2 SEWN TOGETHER AND 3, 4 AND 5 SEWN TOGETHER



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