

## Let's Play Checkers

Designed and created especially for Pfaff  
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Grab your favorite beverage and your favorite friend and spend a relaxing evening with an old favorite... Checkers...updated using your Pfaff creative Embroidery Machine.



### Supplies You'll Need:

- Pfaff creative Embroidery Machine
- 1/4" Quilting Foot
- Edge Guiding Foot
- Regular sewing thread
- Rayon embroidery threads
- Monofilament thread
- 1/3 yd light coral subtle print fabric (hand-dyed fabrics work great)
- 1/8 yd medium-dark solid or subtle print fabric
- 1/8 yd dark charcoal or black fabric for sashing and binding (you'll need more if you want to use bias strips for the binding)
- 16" x 28" lightweight batting
- 16" x 28" backing fabric
- 12 – dark flat buttons and 12 – light flat buttons (to use as checkers!)
- Tear-away or water-soluble stabilizer
- Water-soluble fabric marker
- Temporary adhesive spray

### Let's Get Started:

**NOTE:** All seams are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.

1. From the light and dark fabrics, cut 2 – 2" x width of fabric strips.
2. Using the 1/4" Quilting Foot, sew a light and dark together. Press the seam allowance toward the dark fabric. Repeat to make a second set.



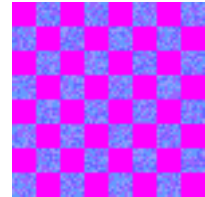
**NOTE:** When pressing quilt pieces, do not use steam. Steam can stretch and distort your fabric, causing cock-eyed edges!

3. From the strips, cut 2" blocks.

4. Sew together eight of the sets of blocks, alternating dark and light on the top row. Repeat with remaining blocks to create 3 more sets.

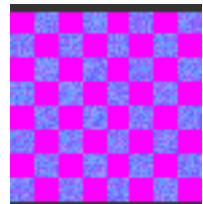


5. Sew the 4 – 2-row sets together to make the base of your checkerboard. You should have a 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" square.



6. Make sure your checkerboard is square...true-up edges if necessary.

7. From the charcoal/black fabric, cut 4 – 1" x 12 1/2" strips & 2 – 1" x width of fabric strips. Attach 2 of the 1" x 12 1/2" strips to the top and bottom of your checkerboard.



8. From the light fabric, cut 2 – 13" x 7" pieces. Use a fabric marker to draw horizontal and vertical intersecting lines through the center of each piece.

9. Hoop a piece of stabilizer and lightly spray with temporary adhesive.

10. Position the fabric on the stabilizer, aligning the marked lines with the notches on the hoop.

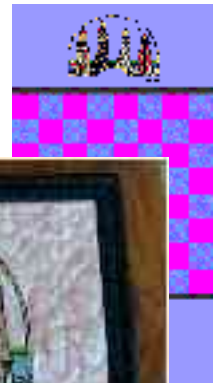
11. Embroider your favorite Deb Strain design. Repeat for second fabric piece.

12. Remove from hoop and remove all excess stabilizer. Trim blocks to 12 1/2" x 6 1/2", making sure design is centered. Press.



13. Attach one embroidered block to each end of the checkerboard, making sure the bottom of the design is towards the board.

14. Sew the 2 remaining 1" x 12 1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press.



15. Measure the center of your gameboard from top to bottom. Cut the 2 – 1” wide strips to this length. Sew these strips to the sides, easing to fit. This method will ensure that your board is as square as possible. Press.
16. Layer the pieced top, batting and backing. Pin or baste to secure the layers together.
17. Attach the Edge Guiding foot and thread the machine with monofilament in the needle and matching thread in the bobbin. Stitch in the ditch along all straight seamlines.
18. OPTIONAL: Setup machine for free-motion stippling with monofilament in the needle. Stipple in background area around embroidered designs.
19. Trim backing and batting to match front.
20. From the charcoal fabric, cut a 2” x 3 yd strip of bias (piece as needed). Fold in half lengthwise and press.
21. Beginning at the center of one side, attach the bias on all four sides of the board, mitering at the corners. Fold to the back, press and hand or machine stitch in place.

