

Chevron Quilt

In this tutorial we will teach you to create a chevron pattern but using the quilting

Material Required

3 pieces of printed fabric of 1/2 meter each, the size of the fabric depends on the length and the breath of the final quilt

1 piece of white fabric of 1 meter, this fabric will be the common base fabric that will be attached with the printed fabric and hence we need ½ meter extra Cutting Mat

Quilting Ruler Rotary Fabric Cutter

Iron

Thread

Beaded Pins

& Scissors

So, let's begin. All the fabrics have to be cut into 8 by 8 inches squares. For this project we will need

- 9 pieces of plain white fabric
- 3 pieces of chequred fabric
- 3 pieces of dark blue fabric
- 3 pieces of red printed fabric

We will first learn to cut the fabric to create perfect squares.

Take the printed red fabric and fold it into half. This is wrong side of the fabric and this is the right side. Now fold the fabric from the opposite end as shown to create four layers. Use the quilting scale to firstly cut the fabric on the 2 sides to ensure that we have a perfect edge. This step is very important. A slightly crooked line can ruin the final outcome.

Once you have cut the two sides lets create square pieces of 8 inches by 8 inches. Count 8 boxes on the bottom and side and align the scale. Use the rotary fabric cutter to cut on the two sides. That's it. We have four pieces of the red printed fabric ready.

We have done the same process for the blue, the chequered and the white fabric.

Lets work with the red and white fabric now.

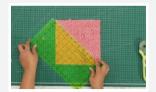






















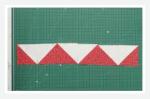














Place the red fabric on the white fabric, front facing front as shown in the tutorial. We will now stitch on all 4 sides of the square.

Take the fabric to your Usha Janome Memory Craft Quilting Machine.

We have already kept the machine ready with the HP Foot along with the HP Plate. Set the machine to straight stitch and begin to sew all around the square. With the HP foot and plate accurate stitches and perfect starts have gotten easier on any type of fabric. Its great for curves and precise top stitching. Once you come towards the end of one side. Stop the machine, lift the needle and turn the fabric and continue stitching. Repeat this process until all the sides of the square are stitched.

This is how your stitches should look like. Now we will cut the square diagonally in both directions like shown in the tutorial. This will give us four triangle pieces.

Each triangle piece will have the stitch line at the bottom. Take one of the triangles and open the fabric as shown. Iron the fabric on the front side to flatten the seam. Ironing is a very important step to get the desired result. Once done turn the fabric wrong side up. Open the seam allowance with the help of your fingers and iron to flatten it. Repeat the same process on the remaining triangles to create 4 perfect square pieces.

Cut of the excess fabric on the corners like shown in the tutorial. Now we need to ensure that the square pieces are perfect. Match the 45 degree angle line on the quilting ruler to the stitch line of the square and make sure you cut a 5 inch by 5 inch square perfectly. Repeat the same process on the other pieces.

Before we go onto joining the squares, here is how the entire pattern will look like, once ready. See the V Shape, this is the chevron pattern. Now let's works on top layer of this pattern.

Lay out the squares next to each other as shown. Ensure the pattern in followed. Lay the first square over the second, third over the fourth and fifth over the sixth as shown. Front facing the front. We will now stitch the left sides of all these squares. Secure the fabric using beaded pins.













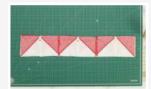


















Adjust the fabric under the presser foot and sew the pinned side of the square. Once done, cut the thread. Repeat the same process on the remaining squares.

Once all the three pieces are done. Repeat the ironing process. First on the top and then open the seam line and iron the seam allowance as shown. Iron all three pieces in a similar way.

When you finish doing this. Lay the pieces next to each other as shown. We will now stitch the first piece to the second piece. Place it front facing front and stitch. Now we join the third piece to it. Stitch and iron just like before and done.

Our top for the chevron quilt is ready. Lay out the squares next to each other as shown. Ensure the pattern in followed. Lay the first square over the second, third over the fourth and fifth over the sixth as shown. Front facing the front. We will now stitch the left sides of all these squares. We have prepared another row in the same way. Keep from the chevron pattern. We will now join these two rows. Keep it front facing the front. Make sure you match the seam lines of both the fabrics to avoid any out of sync patterns. Pin the two rows together. Let's stitch this. Repeat the same process of stitching.

Your first chevron pattern is ready. We can now add as many rows as you want using different colors and fabrics under this pattern. We have attached the chequered and the blue chevron designs under it. Isn't this looking gorgeous.

Wasn't that easy, its just repeating the same process multiple times and creating a masterpiece. Once you get a hang of it, it can be very therapeutic. So go on then create new designs, play with colors and fabrics of your choice.