

Challah Cover

Materials Needed

1/4 yard dark brown or brown scraps
 1/4 yard background fabric or cream colored scraps
 1/4 yard border fabric (shown in blue)
 1/2 yard fabric for backing and binding

Cutting

From brown fabric cut:
 14 — 2 7/8" squares

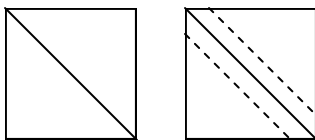
From background fabric cut:
 14 — 2 7/8" background squares
 4 — 2 1/2" background squares

From border fabric cut:
 2 — 3x16.5" rectangles
 2 — 3x13.5" rectangles

All measurements assume fabric width of 44/45" and 1/4" seam allowance. Fabrics are sewn wrong sides together unless otherwise noted.

Assembling Blocks

Make 28 half-square triangle blocks. On the wrong side of each 2 7/8" background square, draw a line with a pencil or removeable marker diagonally from corner to corner. Then draw two more lines, 1/4" away from the first diagonal line (show below as dashed lines.)

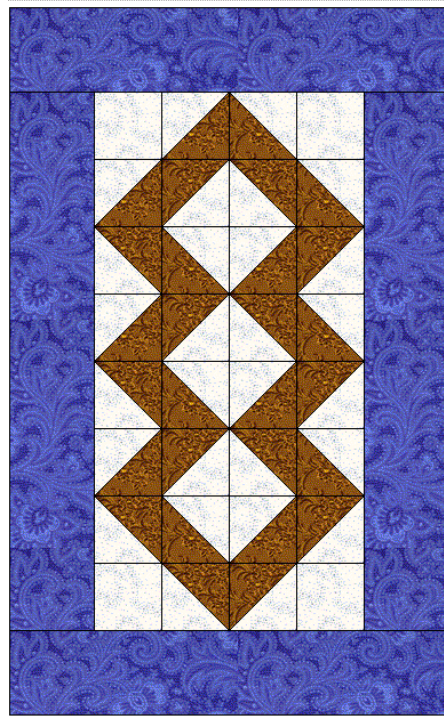


Place 2 7/8" inch background square on top of 2 7/8" brown square, right sides together. Stitch along the two dotted lines. Cut the square in half diagonally along the solid line between the two rows of stitching. Press toward the darker fabric. Repeat for the remaining 13 brown squares and background squares. You will have 28 half-square triangle units.

Tip: Use a very thin ruler and a mechanical pencil to draw the diagonal lines. The more accurately you draw and sew them, the better your points will be on your finished quilt top.

Assembling the Quilt

Arrange the 28 half-square triangle units and the 4 - 2" background squares as shown in the diagram below. Sew each row of 4 blocks together and then sew the 8 rows together.



Next, add the borders. First sew the 3x16.5" rectangles to the sides of the quilt, then add the 3x13.5" rectangles to the top and bottom.

Finishing the Challah Cover

You can quilt, then bind using your favorite binding method.

However, I chose to finish the edges by "birthing" the quilt:

Cut a piece of backing fabric and batting the same size as the finished quilt top. Place the quilt top, and quilt backing right sides together, then add the batting on top. Pin the layers together. Sew around the edge using 1/4" seam allowance. Leave an opening about 4" wide for turning the quilt inside out. Blind stitch the opening closed, then quilt as desired.