

# Orphan Block

By Cindy Mccoy

Cindy Mccoy's **Orphan Block Kennel Quilt** is designed to fit perfectly into a small kennel. This little quilt is easily made from your stash in no time at all! For the center, check out your orphan block pile.

Make one for your pet, and then make another to donate to a local animal shelter in your area. Visit [www.PetfinderFoundation.com](http://www.PetfinderFoundation.com) for a list of animal shelters needing **Kennel Quilt** donations in your area or go to [www.quiltpatternmagazine.com](http://www.quiltpatternmagazine.com) to learn more.

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## Materials:

Use pre-washed, 100% cotton fabrics and batting.

Wide strip (scraps); cut into:  
2 (two) 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" strips (A)

Narrow strip (scraps); cut into:  
2 (two) 1-1/2" x 12-1/2" strips (B)

Center (orphan block) cut:  
1 (one) 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" block (Orphan Block)

12-1/2" x 18-1/2" rectangle of fabric for backing

12-1/2" x 18-1/2" rectangle of batting

## Directions:

Sew a B strip and a A strip to each side of the orphan block as shown. Press in the direction of the arrows.

Place the quilt backing right side up on a flat surface. With right sides together, align the raw edges of the quilt top and the quilt backing. Place the batting on top of the quilt top, again aligning the raw edges. Pin in place.

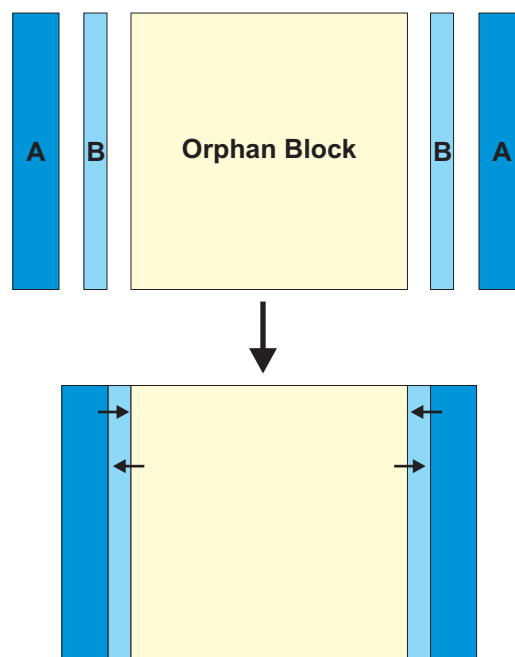
Sew the top, backing, and batting together leaving a 4" opening for turning. Backstitch on either side of the opening. Make sure you have caught the batting when stitching the seam. Trim corners.

Turn the quilt right side out. Carefully poke out the corners. Whipstitch the opening closed. Press.

Quilt in a simple pattern to keep the batting in place.



**Orphan Block Kennel Quilt**  
12" x 18"



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**Guidelines for Small Kennel Quilts:**

- ▶ Materials used should be 100% cotton (biodegradable).
- ▶ Pre-wash fabrics (pets can have allergies just like humans).
- ▶ Finished size should be 12" x 18". This fits the most commonly used small kennel used at shelters.
- ▶ When piecing, use a small stitch length (e.g. 14 stitches/inch).
- ▶ Do not use binding as it can be hazardous to pets if it becomes loose. Layer, sew around the edge using a small stitch length, and turn quilts pillow-cover style. Whipstitch the opening with small, tight stitches.
- ▶ Use only simple appliqués that are secured with tight stitches along the edges. Avoid using fusibles.
- ▶ Keep the quilting simple and use small tight quilting stitches that won't catch on pet claws. Do not tie quilts as the ends can get caught in claws or chewed off.
- ▶ Do not use any metallic threads or other embellishments (e.g. beads, charms, buttons, ribbons, lace, trims, etc.) of any kind. Do not add handles or loops to the quilt.

## The Quilt Pattern Magazine

**TQPM** and **Petfinder Foundation** have joined together to help the animal victims of disasters. When Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast (2012), **Petfinder Foundation** was there. Seeing a need for the animals and shelters that were affected by this storm, they contacted **TQPM** and asked for Kennel Quilts for various shelters.

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Pretty Girl is an **HSPPR** adoptee on her Kennel Quilt during the 2012 Colorado fires.

The readers of **TQPM** responded with over 100 quilts sent from the USA, Canada and England. As a result of the overwhelming response, **TQPM** and **Petfinder Foundation** formed the **TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team**.

**TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team** is a volunteer organization that is available when disasters strike. It is a way to join a larger effort to help our animal friends in times of need by doing what we love.

Members of the team supply kennel quilts to shelters. Free patterns can be downloaded from the **TQPM** website. Just Click on the **TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team** box on the side bar of any page at **TQPM's** website.

Be part of the team that helps animals in disasters.

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