The Toss & Go Quilt & Game is just the thing that you need for little ones on the move! It makes a great kid-size picnic blanket or an infant playmat, and it's an entertaining and educational game for preschoolers and older children. Find instructions for a few basic games on the last page of this pattern, or just have fun tossing bean bags and making up your own rules!

The finished quilt measures 40" X 50" and the fabric requirements include enough to make 15-20 bean bags.

Supplies:

● ½ yard each of five different fabrics for the stripes

● ½ yard of one fabric or 5 fat eighths of various fabrics for the numbers

● 1 ½ yard of backing fabric

● fabric for binding

● batting (I used polyester fleece to make this quilt water resistant and quick-drying since it's likely to be used outdoors.)

● Poly-Pellets, dry beans or dry rice for stuffing the bean bags. (Poly-Pellets are the best choice if you want to be able to wash your bean bags.)

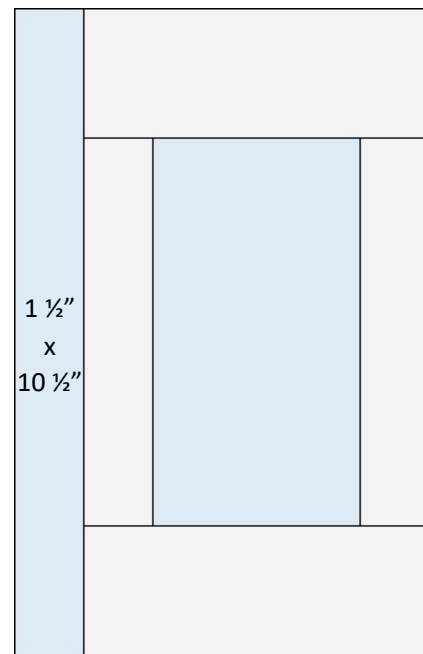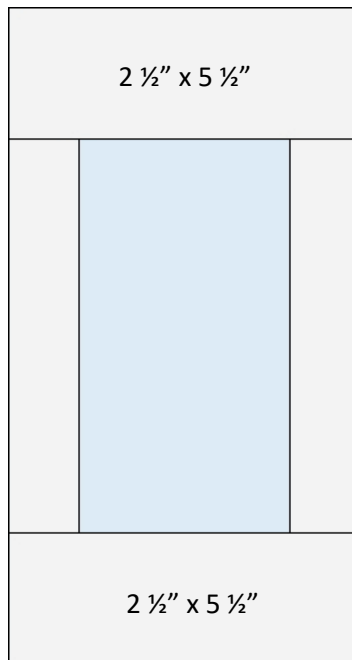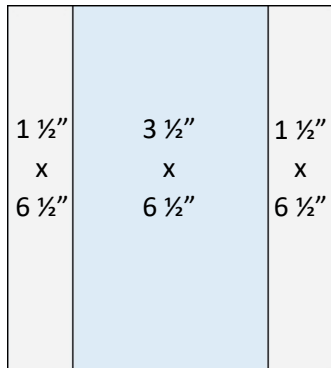## Quilt Layout
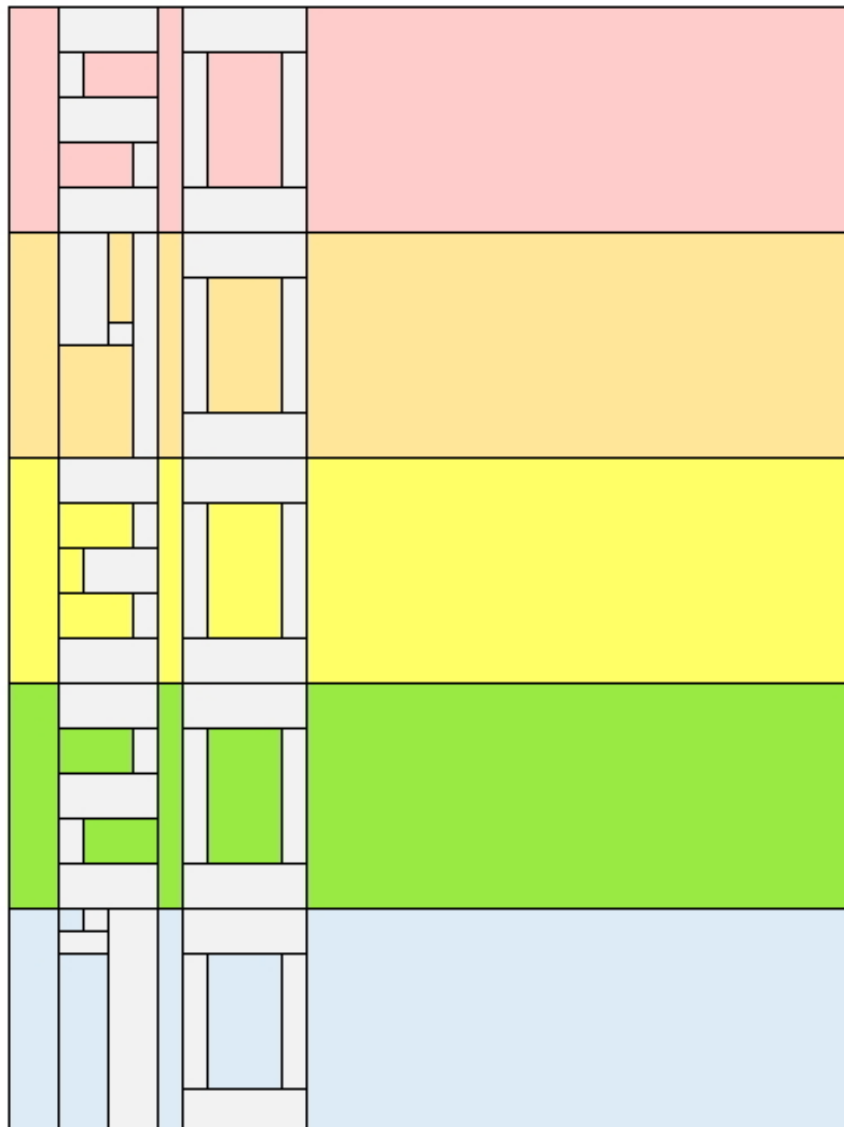
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2 – 2 ½" x 5 ½" number fabric
2 – 1 ½" x 6 ½" number fabric
1 – 3 ½" x 6 ½" background fabric
1 – 1 ½" x 10 ½" background fabric

Each of the zeros is pieced in the same way:

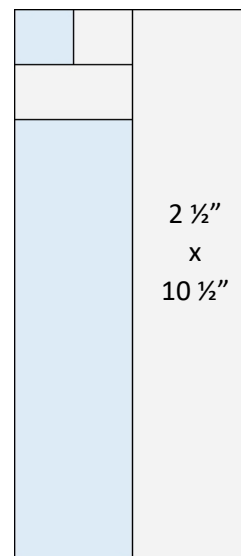| 1 ½" x 6 ½"	3 ½" x 6 ½"	1 ½" x 6 ½"

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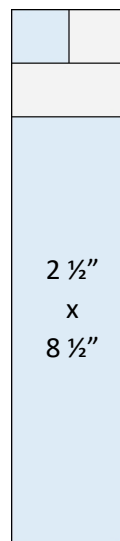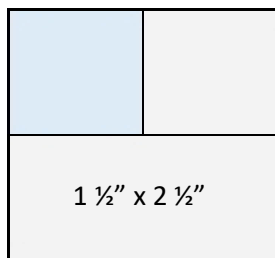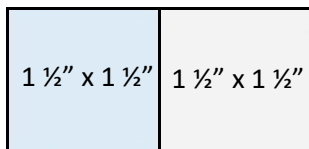
1 ½" x 10 ½"

For #1 cut these pieces:
1 – 1 ½" x 1 ½" number fabric
1 – 2 ½" x 1 ½" number fabric
1 – 2 ½" x 10 ½" number fabric
1 – 1 ½" x 1 ½" background fabric
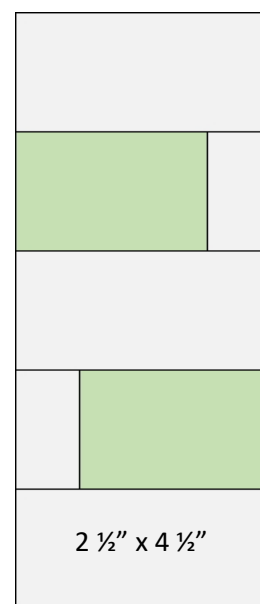1 – 2 ½" x 8 ½" background fabric

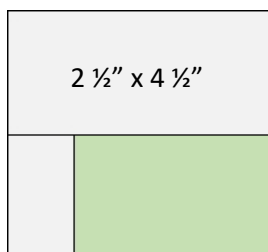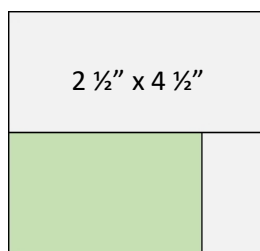| 1 ½" x 1 ½"	1 ½" x 1 ½"

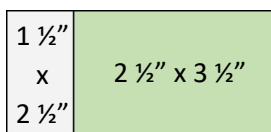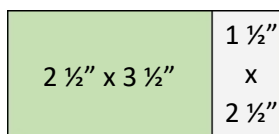1 ½" x 2 ½"

2 ½" x 8 ½"

2 ½" x 10 ½"

For #2 cut these pieces:
3 – 2 ½" x 4 ½" number fabric
2 – 1 ½" x 2 ½" number fabric
2 – 2 ½" x 3 ½" background fabric

2 ½" x 3 ½"	1 ½" x 2 ½"

1 ½" x 2 ½"	2 ½" x 3 ½"

2 ½" x 4 ½"

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For #3 cut these pieces:

2 – 2 ½" x 4 ½" number fabric
2 – 2 ½" x 1 ½" number fabric
1 – 2 ½" x 3 ½" number fabric
2 – 2 ½" x 3 ½" background fabric
1 – 2 ½" x 1 ½" background fabric

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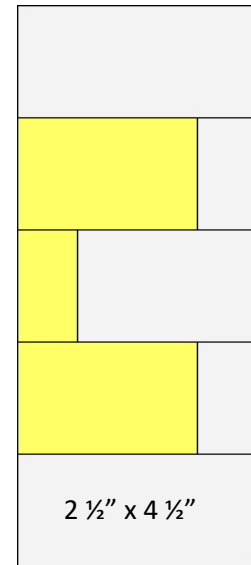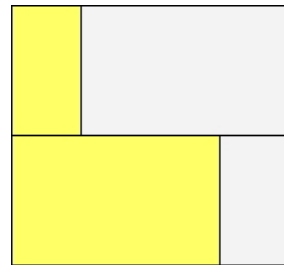
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For #4 cut these pieces:

1 – 2 ½" x 5 ½" number fabric
1 – 1 ½" x 1 ½" number fabric
1 – 1 ½ x 10 ½" number fabric
1 – 1 ½"x 4 ½" background fabric
1 – 3 ½" x 5 ½" background fabric
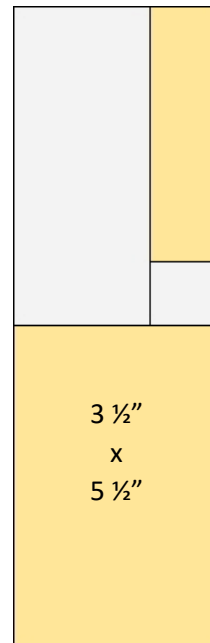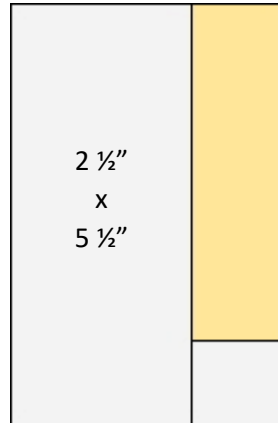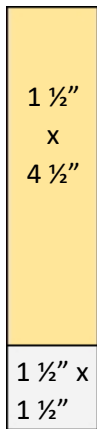
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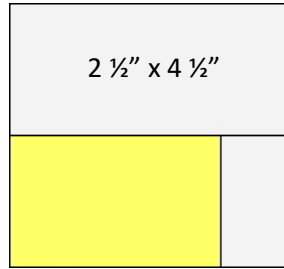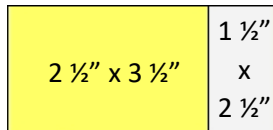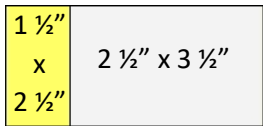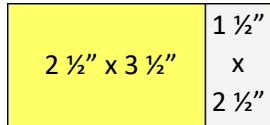1 ½" x 10 ½"
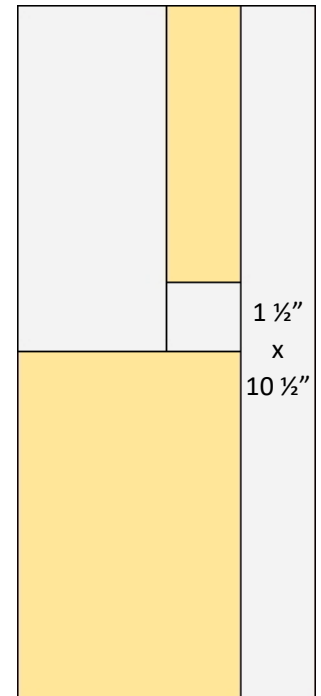
For #5 cut these pieces:

3 – 2 ½" x 4 ½" number fabric
2 – 1 ½" x 2 ½" number fabric
2 – 2 ½" x 3 ½" background fabric

1 ½" x 2 ½"   2 ½" x 3 ½"

2 ½" x 3 ½"   1 ½" x 2 ½"
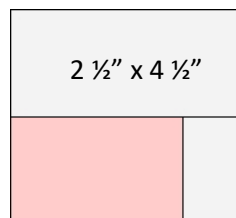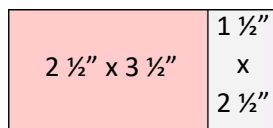
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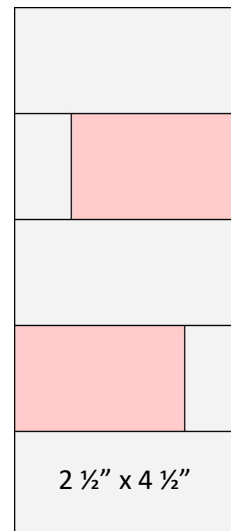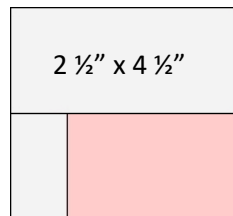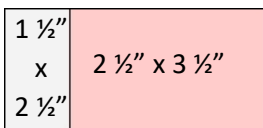
To complete the quilt, attach each number to its corresponding zero.

From each background fabric, cut 1 – 3" x 10 ½" piece. Sew to the left of the corresponding number.

From each background fabric, cut 1 – 27 ¾" x 10 ½" piece. Sew to the right of the corresponding number.

Sew the finished stripes together beginning with 10 at the bottom and finishing with 50 at the top.

Finish the quilt with batting, backing, quilting and binding.

To make the bean bags, cut 3 to 4 pieces 9" x 4 ½" from each background fabric. (You'll need one piece of fabric for each bean bag.)

Fold each piece of fabric in half, right sides together, and match up the short ends. Stitch around the three open sides using a ¼" seam allowance, leaving a 1 ½" opening in one. Use a short stitch length for the best durability.

Clip the corners and turn the bag right side out.

Topstitch all the way around 1/8" from the edge, leaving the 1 ½" opening. Press well. Be sure that the seam allowances of the opening are tucked neatly inside.

Use a funnel to fill each bean bag with ½ cup of filler.

Shift the filler as far as possible away from the opening. Pin the opening shut and topstitch across to close it.

<u>IDEAS FOR PLAY</u>

Have each child choose a color or two colors of bean bags and toss them on the quilt. Older children can stand further back if necessary. Add up points based on where each bean bag lands. If a bean bag lands off of the quilt, it gets no points. For added strategy, double the points for bean bags that land on their matching stripe.

For younger children and solo play, have the child toss the bean bags and try to get them to land on their matching stripe, or simply encourage your child to stack the bean bags on their matching stripes.

Use the game to help your child learn colors, counting and animal names (or whatever subjects are on your fabrics) by challenging them with each toss: "Throw the bean bag on the orange stripe." "Try to hit the bees this time." "Can you toss three bean bags on the green elephant stripe?"