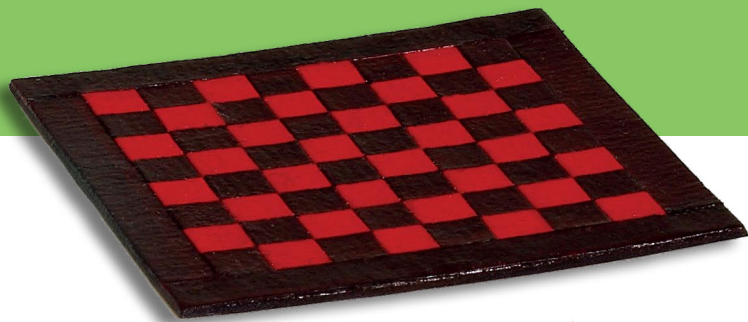


## Checkerboard

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Here's a 1-inch scale checkerboard your dollhouse residents can use to while away the summer hours playing games beneath a shade tree.

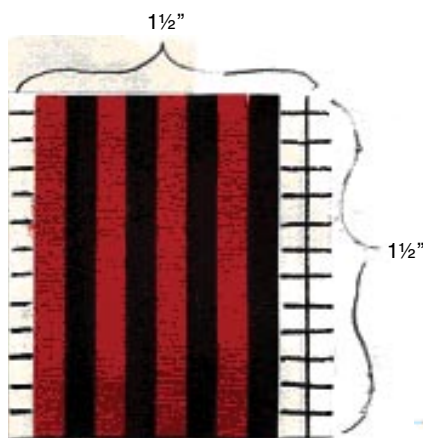
### What You'll Need:

- Red and Black  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide quilling paper
- Red and Black construction paper\*
- Craft knife or scissors
- Ruler
- Craft glue
- Pencil
- Graph paper marked in  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch grid, or copy weight paper\*\*
- Lightweight cardboard
- Gloss acrylic varnish
- Paintbrush
- $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch circle punch

\*If using construction paper in place of quilling paper for the checkerboard, mark lines  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch apart on both red and black paper. Cut four strips of each color about 2 inches long and  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide.

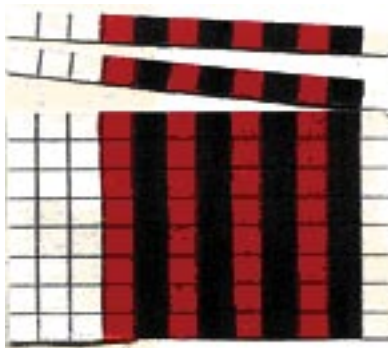
\*\*If using plain paper in place of graph paper, mark off a grid about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch in  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch squares.

**1.** Apply glue evenly to a grid paper, covering two or three rows of the grid. Lay down one strip of paper beginning at the top but one square from one side. Keep your strips even with the lines going up and down. Lay a strip of the other color right next to the first one, with no gap between them. Continue gluing down all eight strips, alternating colors. Let dry. You should be



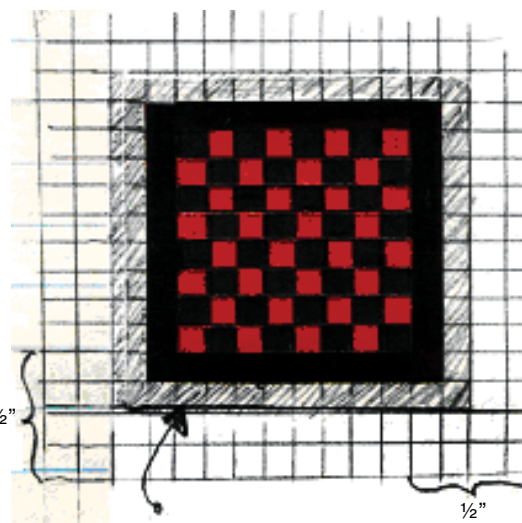
able to see the horizontal grid lines on each side. (You will start with one color and end with the other.)

**2.** Lay a ruler horizontally across the row of strips, even with the 2nd line. Cut along this line. (You will be cutting off about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch from the top.) Continue slicing strips till you have eight strips. If you are using scissors, draw horizontal lines with a sharp pencil first.



**3.** Using another grid paper. Glue down the first strip following the grid lines, leaving a bor-

der of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch on all sides. Turn the second strip around so the red squares are next to the black squares. Continue gluing all eight strips, making sure they are snug against each other. Glue a border of leftover solid strips around all four sides of checkerboard.



Shaded area shows cardboard backing

**4.** Glue checkerboard to thin cardboard, slightly larger than checkerboard. Apply two to three coats of varnish to the board and trim when dry.

**5.** Checkers: Glue two pieces of black construction paper together; and two pieces of red construction paper together. Let dry. Punch out eight checkers of each color. For thicker checkers glue two circles together. ■