

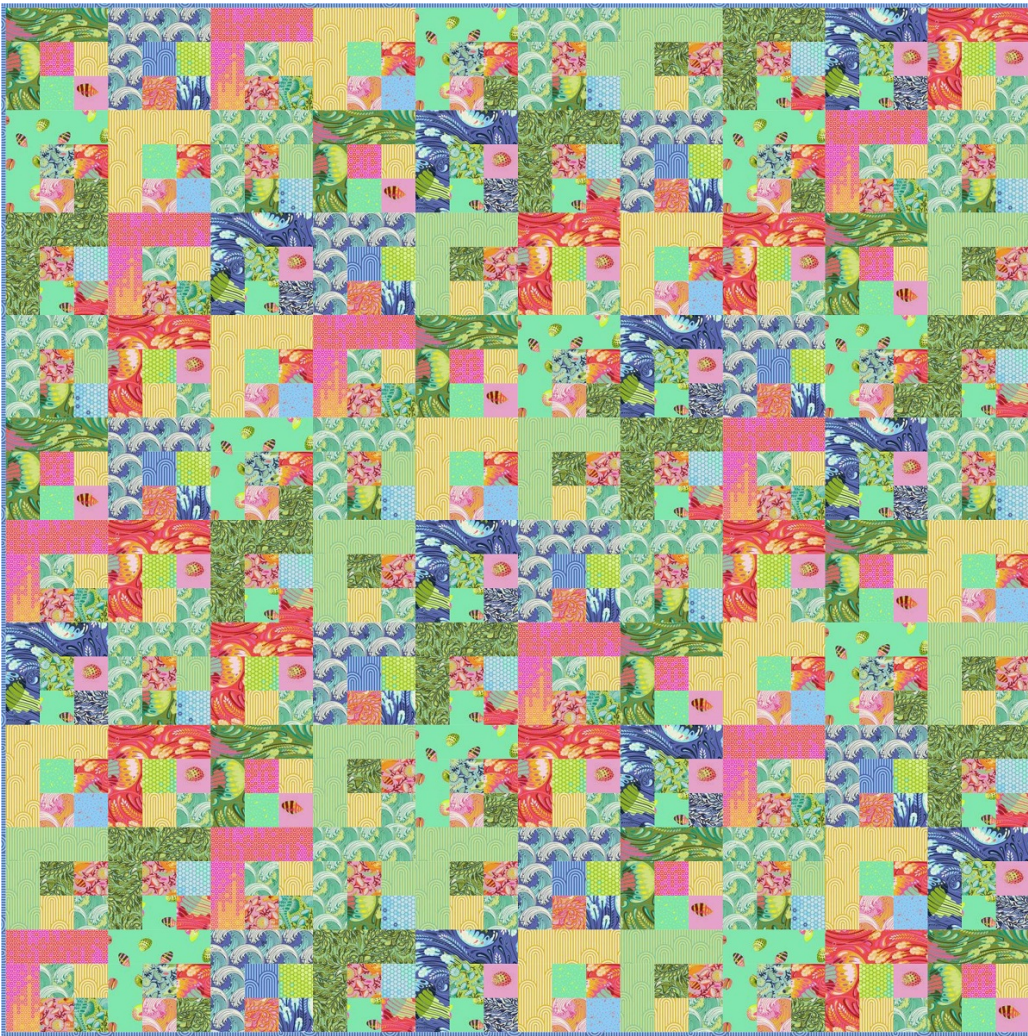


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Half Framed Four Patch



Whether you are learning how to quilt or looking for a quick and easy project, this Four Patch quilt offers simple strip piecing construction with very few seams to match, all using 2 1/2" precut strips. Pick two of your favorite strip packs and get sewing right away!



Half-Framed Four Patch Quilt

60" x 60"

Fabric Requirements:

(2) 2 1/2" Strip Rolls

Sorting

Open the strip packs and sort the strips into like fabrics. Use one strip of two different colors for the Four Patch, but keep two strips together of the same color for the frame.

To make a Half-Framed Four Patch Blocks...

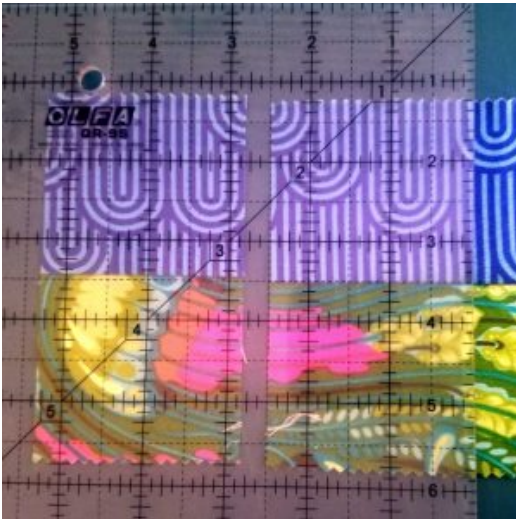
Step One:

Sew two strips together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams toward the darker value fabric.



Step Two:

Cut into 2 1/2" segments. From time to time, check to see that the end of the strip set is still straight by measuring from the seam.



Step Three:

Sew two segments together, alternating fabrics. Press.



Step Four:

Sew one side of the Four Patch to a contrasting strip. Trim. Press toward the rectangle. Multiple blocks may be chain pieced onto a strip, then cut apart, trimming the strip even with the block as shown below.



Step Five:

Using the same strip, sew it to an adjacent side of the Four Patch as shown below. Press toward the frame. Again, several blocks may be sewn to one strip and then trimmed apart.



Make 100 blocks.

Quilt Assembly

Layout the quilt arranging the blocks as you wish paying attention to scatter both colors and values to different parts of the quilt.

Sew the blocks together into rows of ten. It may be easiest to pin the row of blocks to each other while they are laid out, then take the row to the machine to sew. Once sewn and pressed, return the row to the layout and gather the next row.

Finally, sew the rows together to complete the quilt top.

Layer with batting and backing, then baste the layers together. Quilt as desired and bind using the left over 2 1/2" strips.

Quilting Ideas: The busy nature of this Four Patch quilt lends itself to an allover design, in other words, one pattern repeating over the entire quilt. Either a freemotion design using a hopping foot with the feed dogs dropped, or a straight line design using a walking foot works nicely.

Begin quilting in the center of the quilt working your way out to the edges. Once complete, sew a basting stitch along the edge of the quilt to secure the layers. Trim the quilt to the edge of the quilt top using a rotary cutter and ruler.