

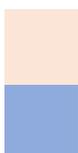
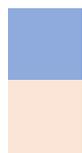
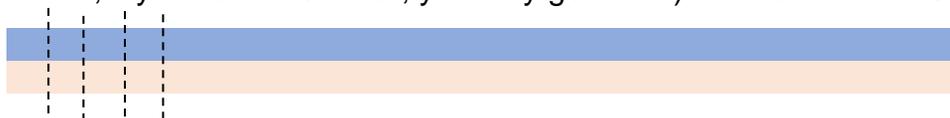
Mystery Quilt Part Three: Double Four Patches

Now, we will make sixteen double four patch blocks.

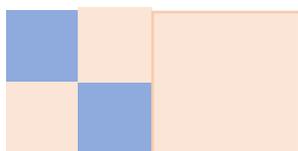
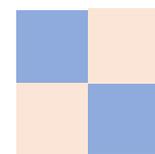
	Background Fabric Cut three strips 3 1/2" x WOF Sub-cut into 32 – 3 1/2" squares Cut three strips 2" x WOF	Main Fabric Cut three strips 2" x WOF
	***if your WOF is not long enough, you may need a little more to get the required 64 units... if so, cut the following:	
	*** (Cut one 2" x 10")	*** (Cut one 2" x 10")

(If you are going with a scrappy option for your quilt, you can cut individual 2" squares or use shorter strips for more variety. Four of these blocks will be used together in a larger block)

Sew each 2" background strip to a 2" main fabric strip along the long edge. Use care, a scant 1/4" seam will make these strip sets measure 3 1/2" wide (see note below*). Press seams toward the darker fabric. Use the three long strip sets (plus the 10" strips if needed). Sub-cut each strip set into twenty 2" x 3 1/2" units. (You can get 20 units from 40" wide fabric, if your fabric is wider, you may get more). Make a total of 64 units.

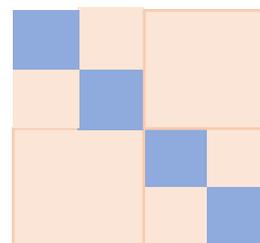


Combine pairs of two units to make 4-patch blocks. Since the seams are all pressed toward the dark fabric, you can nestle them together. Use a pin to line up your points. Each four patch should be exactly 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". Make 32 four patch blocks.



Sew a 3 1/2" square to each four-patch. Press seam toward the large square. Be sure to layout the four-patch with the main fabric squares in the top left and bottom right corners. Make 32 units.

Combine two of the units to make a double four-patch block. Pin to match center point. Make 16 blocks. Each block should measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".



**NOTE: A scant seam is just a needle's width narrower than a 1/4". It allows for the thickness of the fabric when you are pressing the seam. If you sew a wider seam, the strip sets will be too small. Beginners—practice by sewing some scrap fabrics together. A presser foot with a 1/4" guide is helpful. Your local quilt shop may have magnetic seam guides. You could also mark the bed of your machine with a piece of tape to give you a line to follow. Get your scant 1/4" seam correct before you sew these strips.

