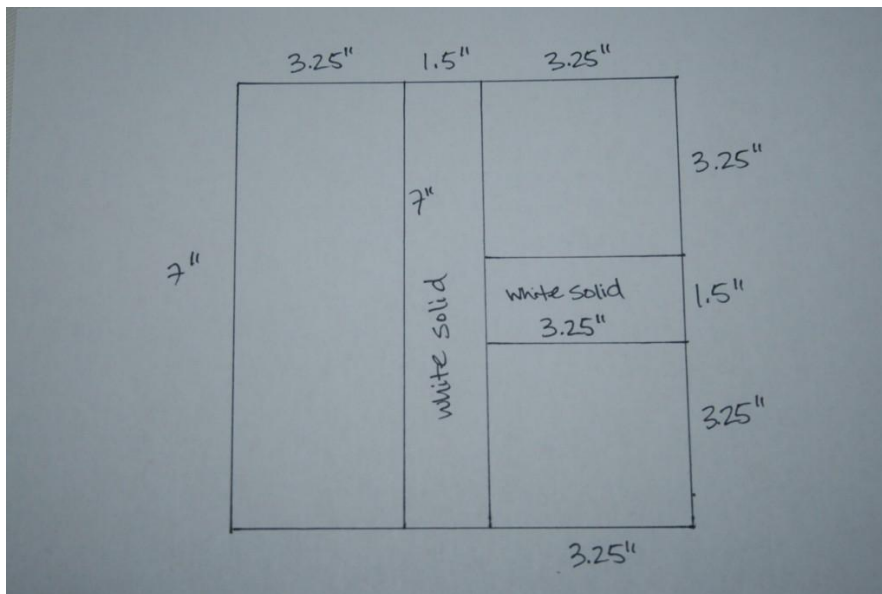


rectangle squared – a quilt block tutorial

Thanks for all the comments about my latest [Innocent Crush quilt](#). I had several requests for measurements, so I've put together a quick tutorial showing how to make up the block that makes up this quilt.



First, a quick drawing showing the measurements (for those of you who want to skip the rest of the tutorial!) -



This block is a great one for using fat quarters, and I think it works best with non-directional prints, since the blocks end up turned in many different directions when you put together the quilt top. For my Innocent Crush quilt, I used fat quarters of 11 different prints (all the prints from the Charmed palette).

To start, square up the long edge of one of your fat quarters and cut a strip 3.25" wide. You'll want to cut this strip along the long side of the fat quarter, which means you'll have a length of approximately 22". Cut a strip of solid white (or your solid of choice) that's 1.5" wide and the same length as your printed strip (in this case, about 22").



Sew the white strip to the long side of the printed fabric and iron.



Cut this strip into 7" pieces. You'll get 3 pieces from each strip.

Repeat with your other printed fabrics. Additionally, cut a second strip from each printed fabric that's also 3.25" wide (3.25" x 22"). Subcut into 3.25" squares. While you're at it, cut additional strips of white fabric 1.5" wide by 3.25" in length.



Select two printed squares and sew together with a white strip separating them. Iron seams.



Sew this section to your rectangular section and iron your seam. Your finished block will measure 7" square.

Make as many additional blocks as you'd like for your desired quilt size and lay them out to your liking, alternating the block orientation to create your desired design. Add sashing between the blocks and admire your lovely new quilt top! (sashing between my blocks measures 1.5" in width)



As always, let me know if you have any questions, and if you make a quilt or quilt blocks from this tutorial, please consider adding your photos to the [FITF Flickr group!](#)
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