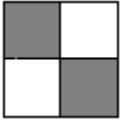


Debbie's MULTIPLE FOUR-PATCH TRICK

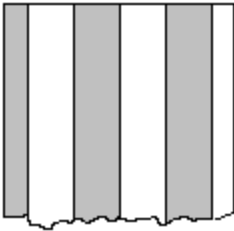
Debbie Blackwell was my dear quilting buddy in Keller, Texas, in the 1990s. She came up with this wonderful trick while we were designing a quilt of four-patches and were lamenting the tedium of making them.



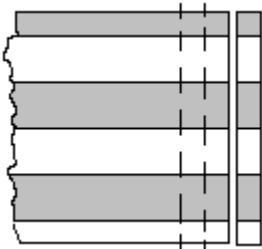
Each little square = 1" (Other sizes can also be used but the strip widths must be refigured.)

1. Cut a set of strips from light color: 1 strip @ length of fabric times 1½" wide
2 strips @ lengths of fabric times 3" wide

Cut a set of strips from dark color: 1 strip @ length of fabric times 1½" wide
2 strips @ lengths of fabric times 3" wide



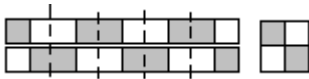
2. Sew the strips together side by side. Starting and ending with the narrow one.



3. Subcut the multi-strip set into 1½" segments (shown by dashed lines).



4. Sew two segments together by reversing one on top of the other, matching seams and opposite colors.



5. Subcut into 2½" segments (shown by dashed lines).

This technique, with the given measurements, will yield approx. 80 two inch finished four-patches at 2 inches square from the strips given.

3" finished four-patch = 2" and 4" strips; 1st subcut = 2"; 2nd subcut = 3 ½"

4" finished four-patches = 2½" and 5" strips; 1st subcut = 2½"; 2nd subcut = 4½"