



A QUILTPLAN PIECING REFERENCE

FOUR-PATCH

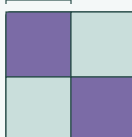
two squares, sewn twice: the simplest pieced unit there is

A Four-Patch alternates two fabrics in a 2x2 grid: sew a light square to a dark square, make a second identical pair, then join the pairs so light and dark checkerboard across the center seam. No specialty cutting or set-in seams, just squares and straight lines.

- + Cut squares: finished block size $\div 2$, + $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut 2 light and 2 dark.
- + Each finished patch is **half** the finished block's size, on a side.

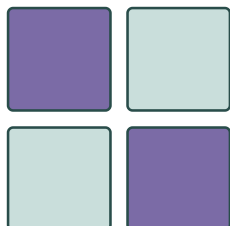
Example: 4" finished block

2½" cut (2" finished)



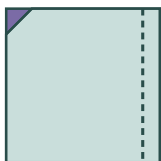
4" finished block overall

A **4" finished** block needs four **2½"** squares, two light and two dark. Read straight off the chart below for any other size.



1 · Cut

Cut 2 dark and 2 light squares, laid out here in the checkerboard they'll end up in.



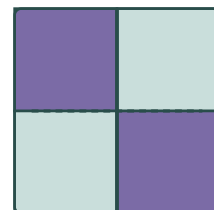
2 · Sew pairs

Right sides together, the light square sits directly on the dark one: you'd only see the top. Stitch the dotted line, a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the edge. (Corner peeled back here just to show the dark square underneath.)



3 · Press

Press both pairs toward dark. Stacked here the way they'll join: the second pair is flipped, ready to alternate with the first.



4 · Join

Rotate one pair, stack the pairs, and stitch the dotted line, a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from each edge. Opposite-pressed seams nest right at the center.

FINISHED	CUT SQUARES
2"	1½"
3"	2"
4"	2½"
5"	3"
6"	3½"

FINISHED	CUT SQUARES
7"	4"
8"	4½"
9"	5"
10"	5½"
12"	6½"

"Finished" is the whole Four-Patch block, corner to corner. Cut 2 light and 2 dark squares at the size shown.

Prefer speed over precision-cutting each square? **Strip-piece it:** sew a light strip to a dark strip the same width as your squares, press toward dark, then sub-cut the strip set into pairs at that same width. Each slice is already a sewn pair, ready for step 4.



Fabric A — dark



Fabric B — light

Pressed correctly, the seams nest into a tiny pinwheel on the back where all four squares meet.

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