


It's Pre-Cut Party Time!

- The Four Patch

QUILT SIZE: 48" X 59" SKILL: 

This series of free patterns has been designed to inspire and encourage you to get out those precious pre-cuts and get sewing! This week we're all about the beautifully simple four patch using a 20pc strip set.

YOU WILL NEED:

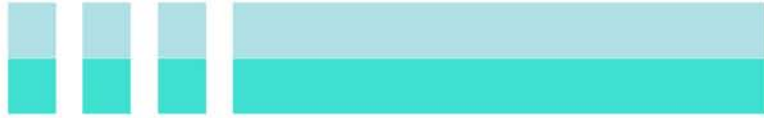
- One 20pc strip set (twenty 2½" x 44" strips)
- 1.30m of base fabric - at least 43" wide
- 53" x 63" backing & wadding
- six 2½" x WOF binding strips in co-ordinating fabric

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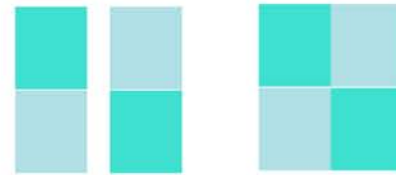
- Read through instructions before you start
- WOF = Width of Fabric
- Always use ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise stated

1. Start by pairing up your strips and sewing them together. Press seams towards the darker fabric.

2. Using your rotary cutter, ruler and mat, cut across the seam in 2½" intervals. You should get 16 units from each strip set.



3. Take two of these units, turn one round 180 degrees and sew it to its pair, creating a four-patch block. As the seams have been pressed in opposite directions you can lock them into each other for perfectly matching seams. You will get 8 blocks from each set. For more on this, and how to reduce the bulk at the centre, check out www.sewmotion.com/fourpatchblock.html



4. Do this with all ten of your strip units to give you 80 four-patch blocks.

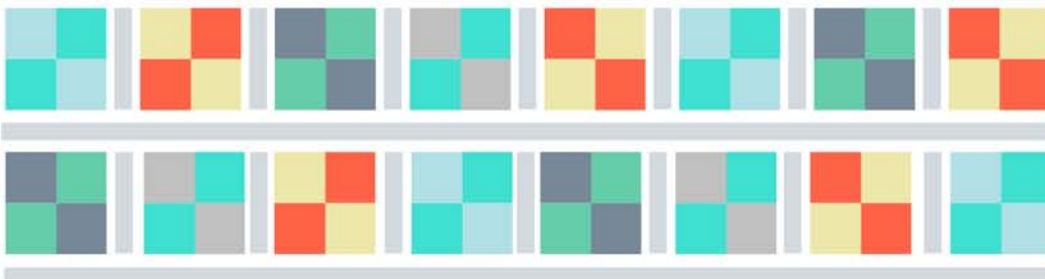
5. Cut your 1.30m of base fabric into the following:

- Seven 2" x WOF strips, then cut into sixty-three 2" x 4½" small sashing strips
- Nine 2" x WOF strips, cut down to 2" x 43" longer sashings strips
- Five 3½" x WOF strips for border

6. Use the colouring page to plan out your design, then working in horizontal rows, sew your blocks together, with a sashing strip between each one - press seams toward the sashing strips.



7. Now sew a long sashing strip between each of your ten rows. Line up your new row's sashing strips with those on the previous row to ensure they run straight and even. Press seams towards the sashing.



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8. Measure across the width of your panel, it should be 43" (if it's not, don't panic, just cut to your measurement) Cut two of your border strips down to 43" and sew on to the top and bottom of your panel. Then measure down the length, taking in your new border strips, it should be 60" (again, don't panic if you're out). Join the remaining border strips and cut two 60" lengths. Attach these to the sides of your panel, press seams towards the borders.

9. Layer your quilt sandwich and quilt as you wish - stitch-in-the-ditch along the main seams, maybe wavy lines across the whole width, or even some free-motion quilting...

10. Trim your quilt and attach the binding. For much more on quilting ideas and how to attach your binding, check out www.sewmotion.com/beginners_quilt.html

Do you like this and desperate to make your own? Below are a couple of ideas for fabric choices using Sewmotion fabric strip sets - or of course, you can use you own!

Do you like this and want to have a go? This month's Newsletter included a couple of different versions using my 20/24pc strip sets, which you can [purchase here](#), or of course, you can use you own!

These strip sets and many more are available at sewmotion.com, as well as other pre-cuts, quilt patterns, notions and threads. There is also a growing collection of [helpful tutorials](#) including choosing fabric, using the right thread and how to chain piece with speed!

If you have any questions about this pattern or my pre-cuts, you can contact me at louisa@sewmotion.com

