

Grand Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
2021-22

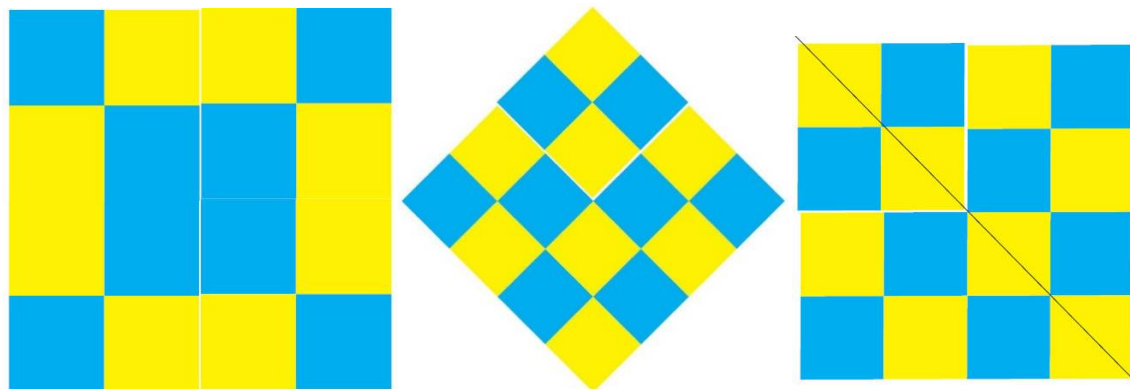


Month	<i>October 2021</i>
Block	<i>Four Patch</i>
Presented by	<i>Lorrie Taylor</i>
Skill	<i>Angle piecing, cutting on an angle, using a cardboard template.</i>

Introduction and

This traditional block is easy and expands on basic cutting and assembly skills from last month.

We can begin by assembling basic four patch blocks and then arrange in any combination.



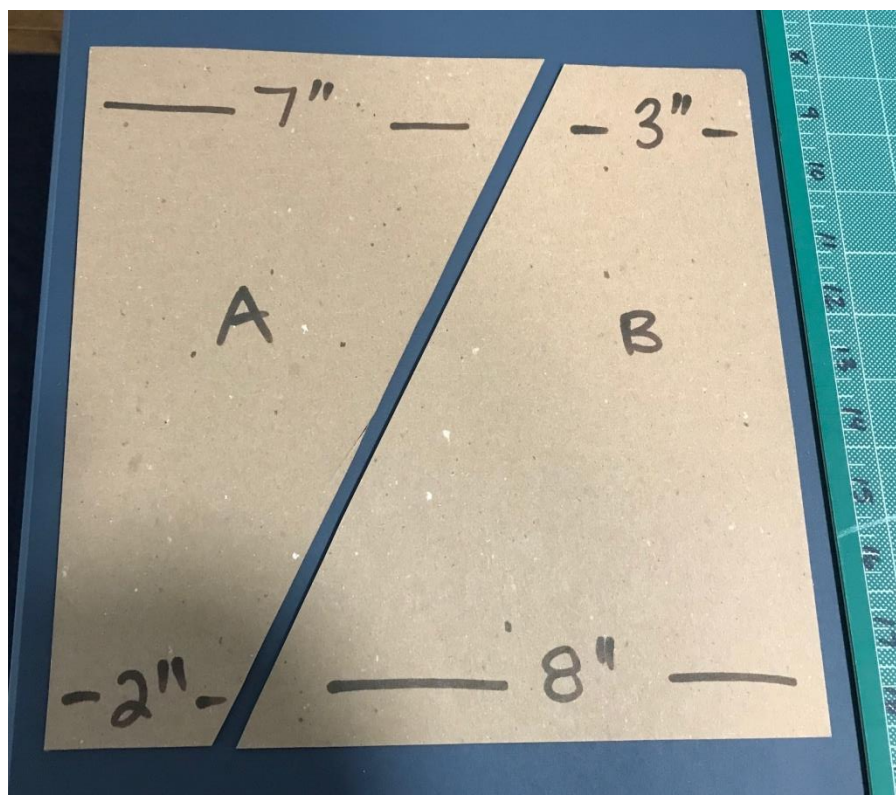
Use traditional pastels and small floral prints for a block from the past, or use bright colours and/or big prints for a more modern alternative.

I chose to do a more funky version of the 4 patch and created this Wonky 4 Patch based on the video listed below:
[Stack & Whack 4 Patch Quilt Tutorial – Easy and Free Pattern Leah Day](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WFU4_kTovU

I used layer cakes in 10 inch squares. You could cut your own fabric into 10 inch squares. (If you want to donate your blocks to the Flimsy Sewing Day, you will need to start without 15 inch squares to finish at about 12.5 inches.

- 1. Create a cardboard template the same size as your fabric squares.*
- 2. Measure from one corner to another to create an uneven slicing line. My examples below was cut diagonally at 7 inches in from the top left and 2 inches out from the bottom left.*



3. Stack your fabrics and slice them once using one side of the template (A). Sew together with alternating prints to create squares, press.



4. Now slice again on the opposite side using the other side of the template (B), Sew back together with alternating prints and colours, press and trim to square.

When rejoining the sliced blocks, the affect is quirky and fun.



Here is a picture of my quilt top using the wonky 4 patches. I also decided that my 4 patches did not have to be square and chose to make some rectangular blocks. My finished wonky 4 patch squares are 9 inches and my finished wonky 4 patch rectangles are 6 x 9 inches.



Tips, Tools or Techniques

Slicing Techniques

Use a ruler with diagonal lines for more accurate 45° angles (or whatever angle you choose), make your own cardboard templates to save time lining up your ruler each time.

Resources

There are so many variations on the four patch block that your creativity is endless. Here are some that I found.

*Teresa Downunder YouTube Video
2 Minute Disappearing 4 patch Quilt Block Variation
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVSeeoxs6pc>*

*Jenny from Missouri Quilt Company
Scrappy 4 Patch
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJCSoljKnqU>*