

Make your own quilt

You will need:

Fabric (of your own choice - remember you'll need some for backing as well)

Ruler

Thread (according to the colour of your fabric)

Scissors / Rotary cutter

Pins

Pattern (or of your own choice)

Pencil / Chalk

Wadding

Sewing machine (optional) or a pair of skilled hands



This project is made by combining 4 - patch square with 4 patch block made from eight 'half square triangles' sewn together to form a pinwheel design.

Your finished quilt will measure 30 x 30 cm (12 x 12 inch). All "seams allowance" are 1cm (1/4 inch) wide.



Make a 4-patch squares.

1. *Measure and cut out your patches. For this design you need 16 pieces of 8,5 x 8,5 cm and 20 pieces of 7 x 7 cm square.*

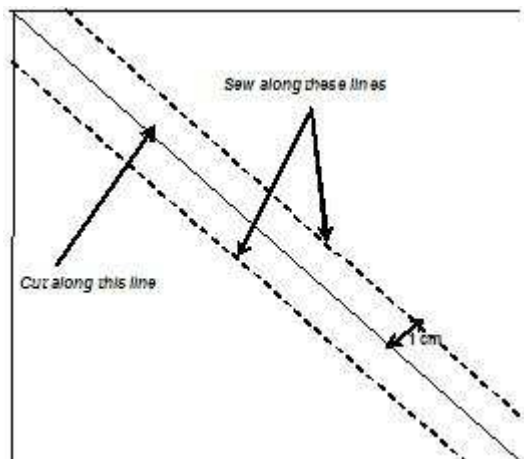


2. *Sew the green patches together.*

Lay the patches on top of each other (front side to front side) and sew it on 1 cm. Open out your rectangle and repeat this step with all your green patches until you have 10 rectangles.

- Place two rectangles front side to front side and sew on 1cm. Open the seam by ironing it. You should have now five 12 x 12 cm squares

Make a 4 patch block from eight "half square triangles"



- Sew the red and yellow-green patches together. Lay the patches on top of each other (front side to front side). On the back of the fabric, draw a diagonal line down the centre of the fabric square. This will be your cutting line. From this line, draw two diagonal lines, one on each side of the cutting line 1 cm away. These will be your seam lines. Sew down your seam lines and cut along your cutting line.



5. *Open out your squares. Repeat this step till you have 16 'half square' triangles.*

Make a pinwheel design.

6. *Take four half triangle patches and arrange them so they form a pinwheel. Sew them together leaving 1 cm seam allowance. Open the seams by ironing it. Now you should have 5 four pinwheel squares measuring 12 x 12 cm As shown on the picture.*



7. *Sew all the square patches together. Put the squares front to front side make sure the seams are put on each other. Iron the seam and your finished front side of the quilt.*

Quilt basting.



10. *Cut out your wadding and back side of the quilt. Cut one piece of wadding and one piece of back 30 x 30 cm squares, Put face to face back fabric with front fabric and sew around on 1 cm, leaving about 6 cm of opening Insert wadding thru the opening rearrange it so it so it stays flat. Using pins (safety pins) to secure three layers and you are ready for quilting*



11. *Quilt your quilt either by hand or on sewing machine using a fancy stitches, by this you not only ensure that the wadding will stay at place, but also you give a personal finish touch to your quilt. Sew the opening by hand, iron your finished quilt and you are done.*



Use your imagination, play with colours and different design, the possibilities are endless.