

Four Patch Square

Prayer Quilt Pattern - 40" x 54"
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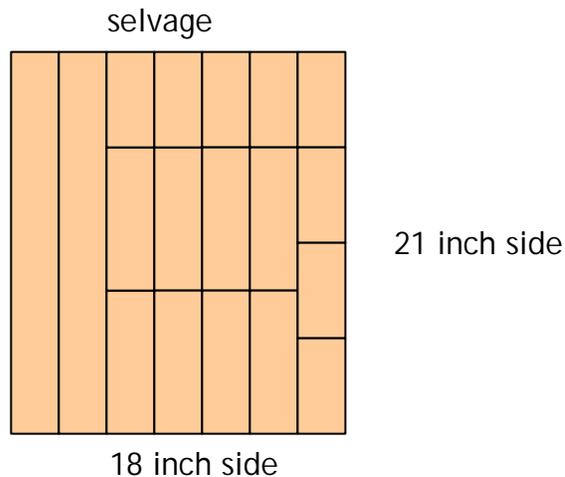
<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Yardage</u>	<u>Cut</u>
Fat Quarters Needed 	6	(see diagram below)
Border Fabric 	¾ yd	5 @ 4 ½" x WOF
Backing	1 ¾ yd	(no cut necessary)

Cut the fat quarters as shown:

2 - 2 ½" x 21" strips (A)

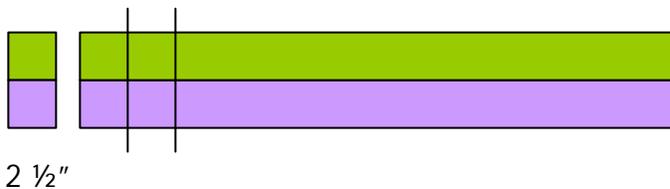
8 - 2 ½" x 8 ½" rectangles (B)

8 - 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles (C)

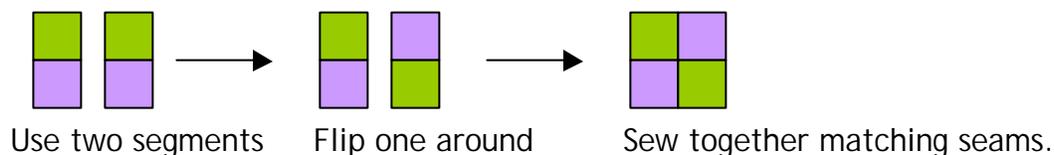


Making the blocks

Grab any two (A) strips and sew together as shown. Cut into 2 ½" segments.

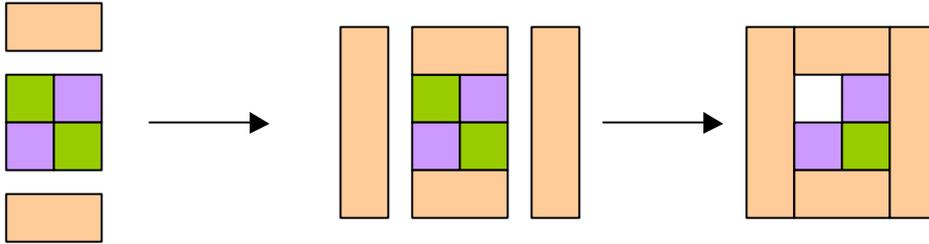


Using two segments, sew as shown to make a four patch. Match center seams. You will be able to make 4 - four patch blocks from each strip. Repeat with the other strips. You will have 24 - four patch blocks.



Now it is time to frame those four patch blocks:

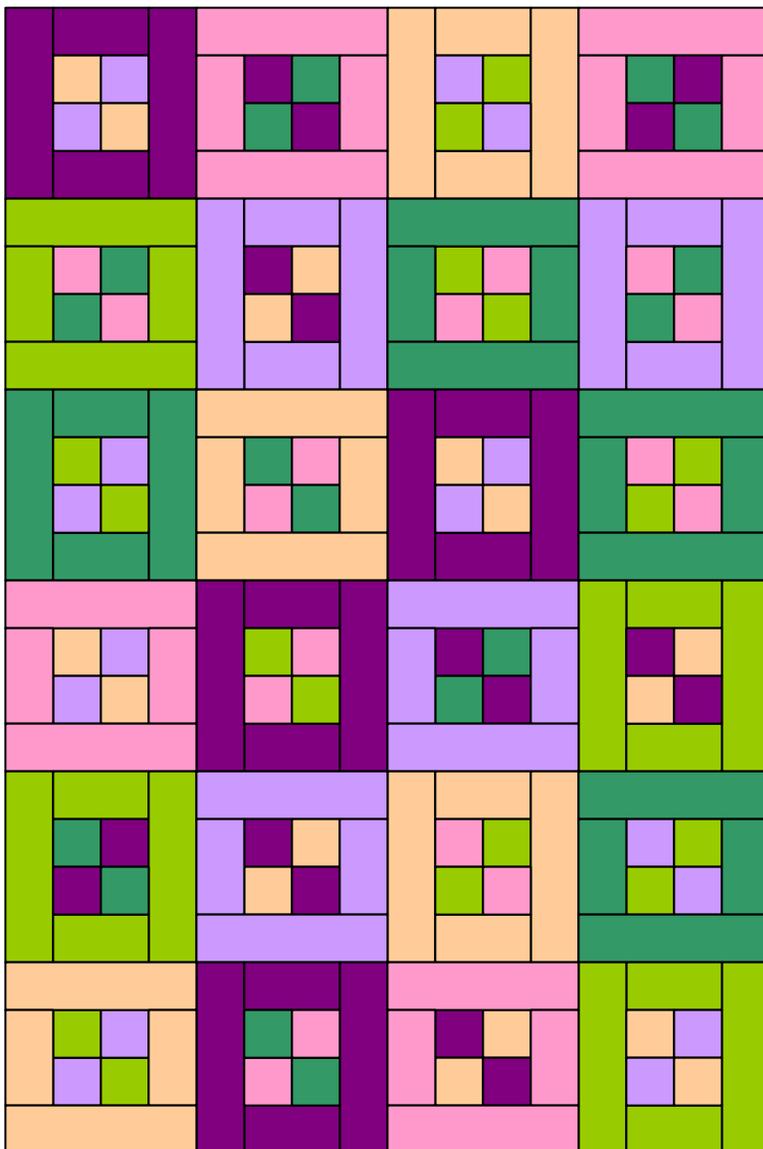
Select 2 - 4 ½" x 2 ½" and 2 - 8 ½" x 2 ½" pieces that are from the same fat quarter. Sew the 4 ½" pieces to the top and bottom of the four patch. Then add the 8 ½" pieces to the sides. The block is done.



You will repeat this process with all the four patches until you have 24 blocks completed. Just make sure you use a different fabric to frame the four patch than the fabric that is in the four patch.

Assembling the quilt top:

Arrange the blocks in six rows with 4 in each row. Sew the rows first, then sew the rows together. Add the borders after you have assembled sewn all the squares together. You will need to piece the border along the sides.



Please note:
To reduce bulk when sewing the blocks together, turn the squares as shown with the seams alternating. Pressing and sewing will be much easier!

