

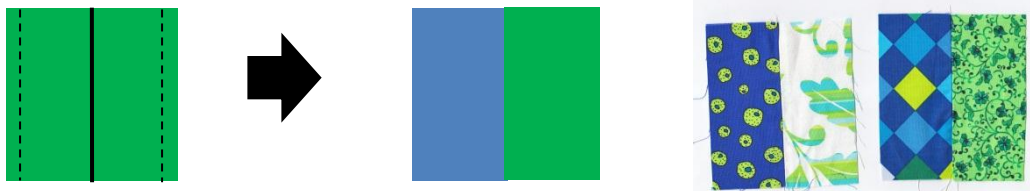
# SCRAPPY FOUR PATCHES

This is a quick and simple way to make scrappy four patch blocks without cutting hundreds of individual blocks. I am all for easy. You can use any size squares, but for this pattern I will be using 5 inch squares.

First select two squares from pile, and put them right side together. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch down each vertical side of your square. Select another set of squares and repeat and repeat and repeat....



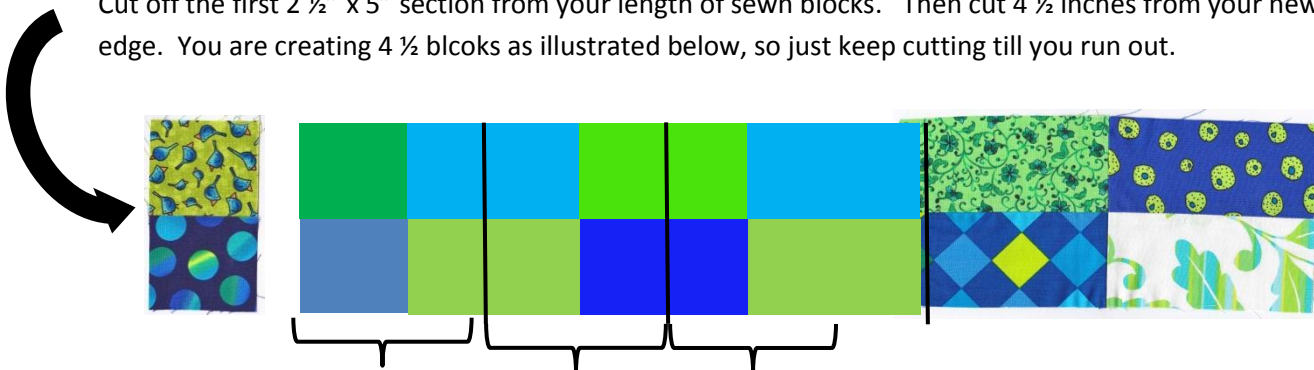
Using a ruler and rotary cutter, cut the sewn squares in half—for our 5 inch squares you cut  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in from the side of your squares. You are making your cut parallel to the sewing lines. Press each half open.



Repeat process until you have an appropriate collection of newly formed rectangles.

Next sew your rectangles together, end to end. I try and make my selections so that there is good contrast between the blocks being sewn together. I found that I could sew 10 or so together without it getting to unruly).

Cut off the first  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" section from your length of sewn blocks. Then cut  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches from your new edge. You are creating  $4\frac{1}{2}$  blocks as illustrated below, so just keep cutting till you run out.



Your finished squares should look like this.....

