



January 2025

Improved Four Patch

NNMQG

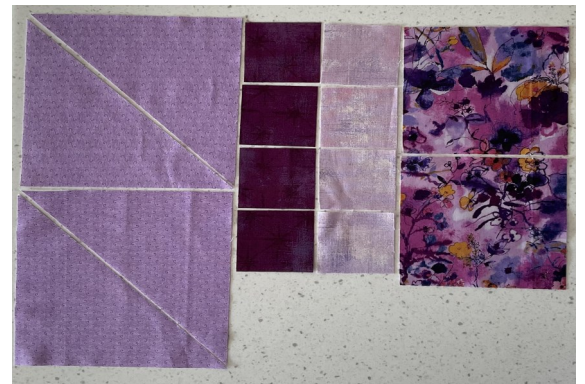
Improved Four Patch Details

- ◆ This block is a traditional block that consists of 2 four patch blocks, 2 squares and framed by 2 half square triangles.
- ◆ The completed block measures 12 1/2".
- ◆ All seams are scant 1/4".



Fabric Requirements

- ◆ Background Fabric: (2) 6 7/8" squares cut on the diagonal.
- ◆ Medium Fabric: (2) 4 3/4" squares (mine were the floral squares).
- ◆ Light Fabric: (4) 2 5/8" squares.
- ◆ Dark Fabric: (4) 2 5/8" squares.



Construction

1. Pin your 2 5/8" squares, right sides together and sew using a scant 1/4". Press your squares towards the dark fabric.



2. Put your units next to each other according to the picture on the right.

Place them right sides together.

Sew them using a scant $1/4''$.

They should measure $4\ 3/4'' \times 4\ 3/4''$.



3. Take your $4\ 3/4''$ squares and place them next to the four patches. Follow the picture on the right.

Place them on top of each other, right sides together.

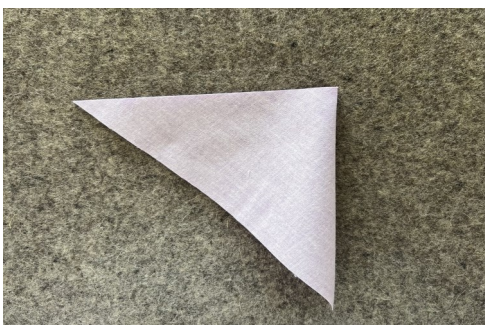
Sew them using the scant $1/4''$.

Press towards the $4\ 3/4''$ squares.

Now place your two halves right sides together and sew them to make the inner block.

Take your triangles from your background fabric that you cut on the diagonal.

Fold them in half to find your center point and finger press.



5. Place your triangles on the top and bottom of your block.
Put the center of the triangle up to the center seam of the block.
Place the triangles on top of the block right sides together lining up the center with the center seam of the block.
Sew the two triangles to the block.
Press towards the triangles.
6. Trim the corners off the sewn triangles so they are even with the block.
Place the remaining triangles on the other 2 sides of the block.
Center your triangles with the center seam and place them right sides together.
Sew them together using your scant 1/4".
Press toward the triangle.



7. Your block is now complete and should measure 12 1/2".
- This is an easy block to chain piece, so enjoy making more.



Since January's meeting is by zoom, please mail your finished blocks to Kate Allen by January 13, 2025.

Any questions or suggestions for future blocks, please email me, Renee Finch, at renee1stf@yahoo.com.