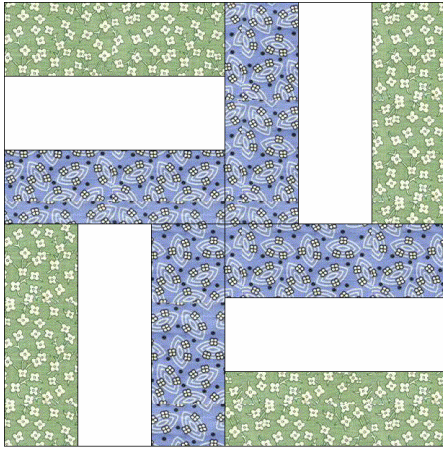


Midget Blocks—Block 8

Midget Blocks are a series of wonderful little blocks adapted from an antique sampler quilt made during the 1930s. I hope you'll enjoy making these blocks and a sampler quilt of your own.

Most of the blocks were made using just two colors. A print or solid color and the background fabric. This block however uses three fabrics. Two prints and the background fabric.

My favorite method of construction for this block is to rotary cut the pieces and sew them together on the machine using a 1/4" seam allowance.



Tricolor Block 4 1/2"

Cutting: (1/4" seam allowance is included in all measurements given.)

Background

Cut 1 strip 1 1/4" x at least 12"

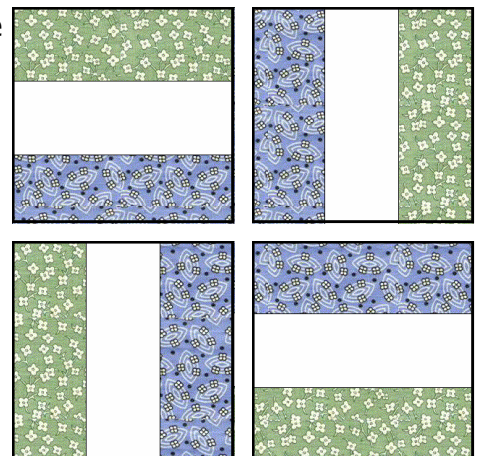
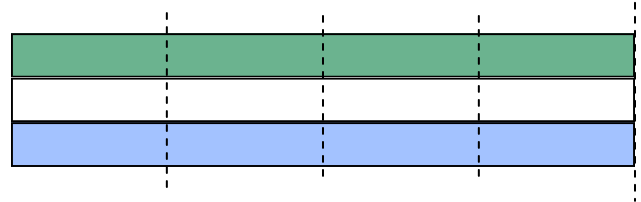
Green Print

Cut 1 strip 1 1/4" x at least 12"

Blue Print

Cut 1 strip 1 1/4" x at least 12"

1. The first thing we need to do is make a strip set using the 1 1/4" x 12" background strip, blue print strip and green print strip. Sew together as shown and press seams toward the print fabrics. Take care when pressing to keep the strip unit nice and straight.
2. Square up one edge of the strip unit.
3. Measure over 2 3/4" from your straightened edge. Cut a piece off the strip unit at this point. Cut three more pieces 2 3/4" long.
4. The block is constructed in two rows. Assemble the sections using the illustration as a guide.
5. Your unfinished block should measure 5".



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