



Sierra Quilt Guild
Block of the Month May 2015
Come What May...Scrappy 4 Patch

This block measures 12" square finished (12 1/2" unfinished). You may use any fabric color and type that pleases you as long as you have both a neutral and a contrast. The neutral may be one light color (including whites and creams) or may be a light color with small bits of color in it to add interest. The two contrast blocks must "read" darker than the two neutral blocks.

Cutting:

From one or two neutral fabrics: 2 – 7" squares

From one or two contrast fabrics: 2 – 7" squares

Assembly:

1. With a scant 1/4" seam, sew the four squares together into a 4 patch. Press to dark.
2. With your ruler, draw a 2" line from each of the center seams. Being careful not to move the square, cut along each drawn line. This is a good place to use a rotating cutting mat. You will now have a 9 patch with a 4 patch as the middle square.
3. Now switch the center strips. Leave the 4 patch. Take the center vertical piece and exchange bottom to top, and top to bottom. Then switch the horizontal strips, left to right and right to left. *DON'T ROTATE*, just switch.
4. Sew the vertical columns together first. Press left column seams towards dark. Press center column seams in opposite direction. Press right column seams towards light. Then sew the columns together (across). Press seams away from center column.
5. Let the recipient square it up as results will vary by sewer.

