

When you use my shortcut methods you need to keep in mind that they look complicated but if you can sew a straight seam and use a rotary cutter you can do this. It is just a matter of learning my shortcut methods and then all you have to do is sew one block or pieced square to another. Sew them into rows or into 4 patch units and then sew the rows or 4 patches together into a quilt block.

## Making the Squares:

1. you need to learn to make the 4 patch with my shortcut method. I know most people cut out squares and sew them together for this unit. But what happens is their seam might be a little off or they might have a square that isn't really square.

You need an accurate square and using my template to cut down is the best most accurate way to get that square. If you use my method you will have an accurate 4 patch square or "block"

When you cut out your HSTs you also need to make sure they are accurate. If your squares are off that is when you will lose points and or the design will not meet right.

Taking time to be accurate from the start means your design will be much easier to put together and you will see the lines of the design match up.

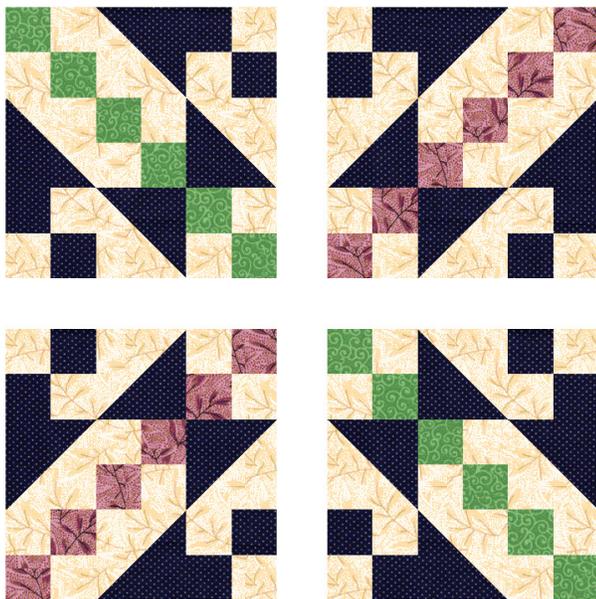
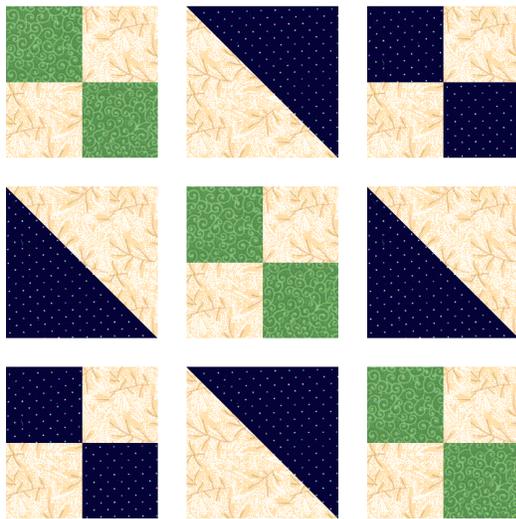
In this quilt block we are using **4 patch squares** and **HSTs**

You'll need to make ----- 6 green/cream --4 patch blocks  
6 pink/cream -- 4 patch blocks  
16 navy and cream HSTs 8 navy/cream --4 patch blocks



2. Okay here is the first quarter section of this quilt block.  
Make two of these with the green in the middle.  
Then make 2 of them with the pink in the middle.

After that you just sew the top two sections together  
And then sew the bottom two sections together.  
Then join both halves together into your quilt block!



## Making 4 Patch Squares

Sew strips together. Here I am using a 2 ½" template so the strips are 1 ¾" each.

Cut the strips into sections. Again I used 1 ¾".

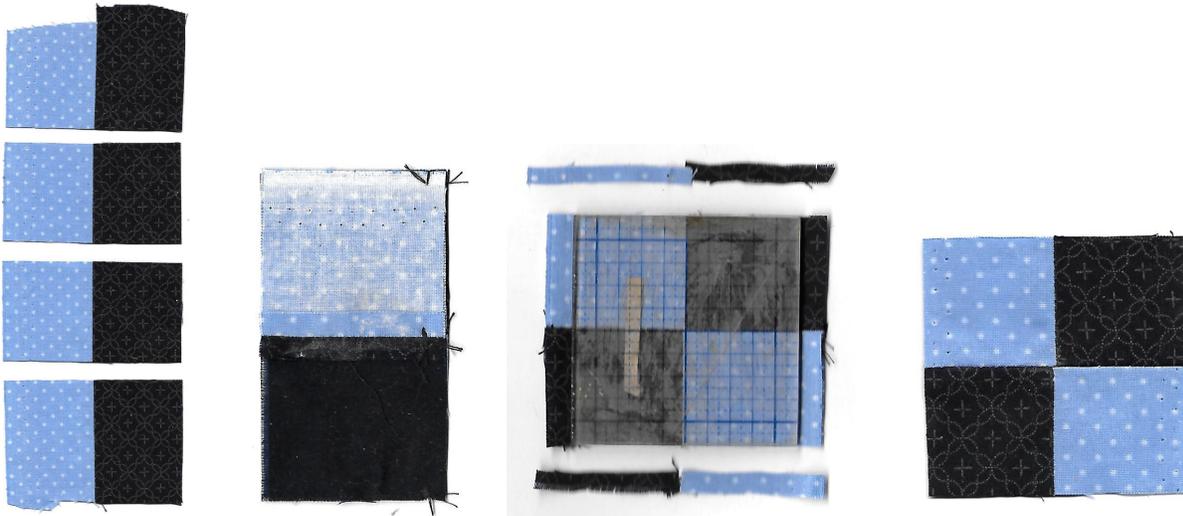
Tack (a stitch or two in place) where the seams meet and on the ends where the seam will go through. This will hold the seam in place and the ends will meet on the corners without slipping.

Double check the seams before you sew to make sure they are matching correctly.

Lay your joined fabrics on a small or mini cutting mat and lay the template on them.

Make sure the template stays in place as you cut out the square.

The more accurate you can be here the less problems you'll have later on.



## HSTs

Sew strips together. For a 2 ½" template use strips that are 2 ½".

Same steps as above cut out squares with the template.

When done with the first strips pull them apart and sew the other sides together

Cut out more HSTs. The triangle ends left can be sewn and cut out just like the 4 Patch above.

