



Lesson #2: Strip Piecing Four-Patch Block

Finished block size:
10" x 10"

Materials Needed	Cutting
Turquoise Tide Raspberry Goldenrod Copper	From each, cut: --two 3" x 10" strips
Red Dawn Fuchsia Punch	From each, cut: -- four 3" x 10" strips
Turquoise Tide Raspberry Copper Fuchsia Punch	From each, cut: --two 1 3/4" x 18" strips

The shaded box lists strips needed to make additional Rail Fence border blocks. See directions in the shaded box on the next page for further instructions.

Sewing

1. Sew together the strips in the following combinations (make two strip-sets of each combination):

Goldenrod and Red Dawn
Red Dawn and Copper
Fuchsia Punch and Raspberry
Turquoise Tide and Fuchsia Punch

2. Press to set seams, and then press the seams of the strip-sets toward the Red Dawn and Fuchsia Punch fabrics.

3. Cross-cut each of the strip-sets into three 3"-wide segments, for a total of six segments of each. (*Diagram I*)

4. Lay out the segments in Four-Patch blocks, according to *Diagram II*.

5. Pin segments together, aligning seams. Because the seams are pressed in opposite directions, they will "nest" together. Sew segments together, creating six Four-Patch blocks in each of the color combinations shown in *Diagram II*.



3"

Diagram I

Goldenrod and Red Dawn strip set
Cut into six 3"-wide segments



Diagram II

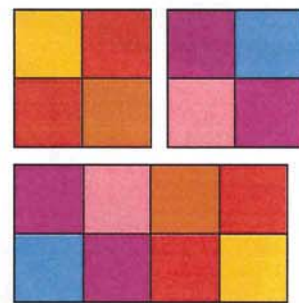
Four-Patch block layout

6. On the wrong side of the block, press seams in opposite directions. This will create a little four-patch where the seams intersect and allow the block to lay nice and flat. (*Photo 1*)

7. Referring to the *Block Assembly Diagram*, sew the Four-Patch blocks together in pairs, matching seams. Then sew together the pairs to make a double Four-Patch block. Match seams and pin. Repeat to make a total of three blocks: one for the center of the quilt and two for the outer borders.



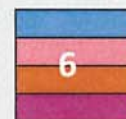
Photo 1
Seam pressing



Block Assembly Diagram
Make three blocks

Practice, Practice, Practice!

It's time to make more of the Rail Fence blocks needed for the border of the quilt. Following the steps described in Lesson #1, sew together two strip-sets from the Turquoise Tide, Raspberry, Copper, and Fuchsia Punch $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 18" strips. Cross cut them into six $5\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide blocks.



$5\frac{1}{2}$ "