JEWEL BOX QUILT





FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

THREE COLOR QUILT

- 1 yard each of two different colors
 (36 5 1/8" squares of each color)
- 2 yards of background fabric
 (72 5 1/8" squares)

<u>OR</u>

- 1 pack of 5" charm squares in one color (36 – 5" squares)
- 1 pack of 5" charm squares in another color (36 – 5" squares)
- 2 packs of 5" charm squares in light or dark background fabric (72 – 5" squares)

SCRAPPY QUILT

- Various fabrics (72 – 5 1/8" squares)
- 2 yards of same or scrappy background fabric
 (72 – 5 1/8" squares)

<u>OR</u>

• 2 packs of 5" charm squares in scrappy colors

(72 - 5" squares)

 2 packs of 5" charm squares in light or dark background fabric (72 – 5" squares)

NOTE: If you are cutting your own fabric strips to make the required number of squares and not using charm packs, I recommend you cut them at $5 \, 1/8$ " or larger to ensure a finished $4 \, \frac{1}{2}$ " block. Also, make a sample four patch testing your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. I had to reduce my seam allowance with the charm squares to be sure I ended with a $4 \, \frac{1}{2}$ " block.

FOUR PATCH CONSTRUCTION

I've included three options for cutting and constructing the Four-Patch block.

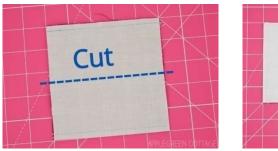


1. Charm Squares (36 Print Fabrics and 36 Background Fabrics)

Pair a background square with a print square, right sides together. Sew a ¼" seam on two opposite sides of the squares.

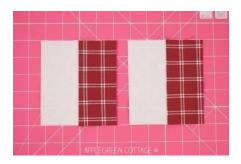


Measure 2 ½" from the edge of the sewn squares and cut. Press toward the dark fabric.





Pair two pieced units that don't match, right sides together. Make sure center seams are aligned, and the background fabrics are not on top of each other.





Sew on the two opposing sides that cross the previously sew seams.



Measure 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge of the sewn squares and cut. Press to one side. Square to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Make 72 four-patch blocks.





OR

2. Strip Piecing for Three Colors (Instead of Using Charm Squares)

Cut 6 strips at $2\,5/8$ " for the background color. Cut 3 strips at $2\,5/8$ " for each of the two different colors.

Lay the background strips with the color strips right sides together. Sew the paired strips together along the long sides. Press the seam to the dark fabric.



Lay two sets of strips with right sides together and opposite fabrics together, nesting the seams together as tightly as possible.



Cross cut the strips into 2 5/8" units.



Sew the nested units together along the long sides. Press to one side. Square to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". Make 72 four-patch blocks.

OR

3. Jelly Roll

Select 5 strips at 2 ½" for the background color. Select 5 strips at 2 ½" of the scrappy colors. Follow same instructions for Strip Piecing.

HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLES (HST) CONSTRUCTION



1. Scrappy Squares

Cut 36 @ 5 1/8" squares of a variety of fabric. Cut 36 @ 5 1/8" background squares. Follow drawing diagonal lines as instructed below. (Sample 1)

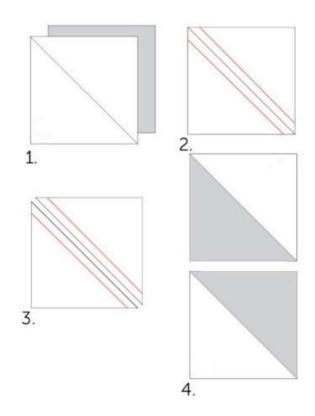
Place a background square and a scrappy square right sides together and sew ¼" away from each side of the drawn diagonal line. (Sample 2)

Cut along the drawn line to yield two half square triangles. (Sample 3) Open the half square triangle unit and press seam allowance toward the dark fabric. (Sample 4) Trim "dog ears" if desired. The finished HST block should be squared to now measure $4 \frac{1}{2}$ ". Repeat to make a total of 36 HST blocks which will yield a total 72 HSTs.

2. Charm Squares

Take 36 of the background 5" charm squares and 36 of the patterned charm squares and draw a diagonal line on the reverse side of the background square from corner to corner. (Follow same sewing instructions for Scrappy Squares)

(For a three color quilt, you will need 36 background squares and 18 squares each of the two colors.)



CONSTRUCTING THE QUILT

Take 2 of the 4 patch units and 2 HST and stitch together as shown below. Repeat to make 36 blocks. Square to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".





Stitch 4 blocks together to make the bigger block shown below. Repeat to make 9 blocks. Square to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



BORDERS AND BINDING

Inner Border - Cut 6@2 ½" WOF.

Outer border – Cut 6@3 ½" WOF

Binding – Cut 7 @ 2 ½"

