

95 Sylvia (Entirely Ruler Cut)

As seen in *The Farmer's Wife 1930s Sampler Quilt* book by Laurie Aaron Hird

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From MARTI MICHELL Perfect Patchwork Templates Conversion Chart

For personal use in conjunction with the book and these From MARTI MICHELL Tools:

Perfect Patchwork Template Set Q, Product #8212 (optional)

My Favorite 6½" Squaring Up Ruler, Product #8973

My Favorite 3" x 18" Ruler #8972

Sylvia, at first glance, is a perfect quilt for strip techniques and ruler cutting. However, when you measure the strip widths, you may grimace—but instead just think of it as an opportunity to practice “eye-balling” a strip that ends in sixteenths of an inch. We made tiny changes in the printed CD pattern sizes just to come up with increments as simple as eighths and sixteenths of an inch. These are the strip widths we used:

The **A**, **B**, and **C** strips are cut 1⅛" wide.

The **D**, **E** and **F** strips are 1⅜" wide (halfway between ¾" and 7⁄8").

And the center square was cut 3" instead of the pattern size in the book materials. Q-93 is a perfect 3" square template.

Metric Measurement Alert

If you own a metric ruler, this block is for you! According to my ruler, these are the metric sizes for the pattern pieces printed from the CD in the book. The square is a perfect 80 mm; the **A**, **B**, and **C** strip widths are 30 mm wide, maybe a thread shy of 30 mm; and the **D**, **E** and **F** strips are 21 mm wide.

Cutting

Cut 2 **C** strips 1⅛" wide and 7½" long.

From the same fabric cut 4 1⅛" squares.

Cut 2 contrasting **D** strips 1⅜" wide and 7½" long.

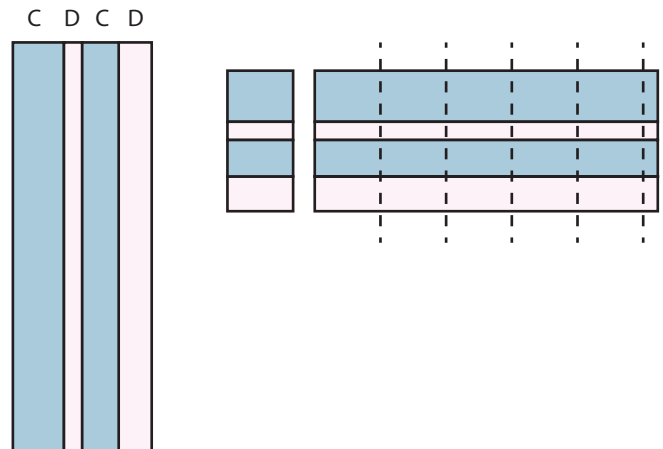
From the same fabric, cut 2 **F** strips 1⅜" x 3" and 2 **E** strips 1⅜" x 4⅞".

Cut a 3" center square.

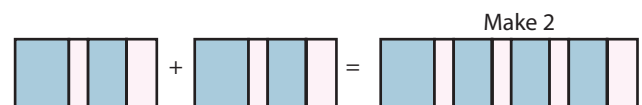
Cut 2 strips 1½" x 5" and 2 strips 1½" x 7" for the outside edges. They are oversize and will be trimmed to size later.

Making the Strip-Pieced Segments

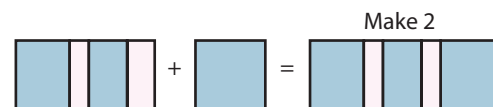
1. Alternate the 7½" **C** and **D** strips and join them with ¼" seams. Press toward the **C** strips regardless of color. (Below, left)
2. Crosscut into six 1⅛" segments. (Below, right)



3. Maintaining the alternate positions, join two segments.



4. Add a 1⅛" squares to each segment that ends with a narrow **D** piece.



Making the Block

Add **F** strips to short pieced segments completed in step 4. Add them to opposite sides of the center square.

Complete the block as shown in the book. As the final borders are added, trim them to length. True up the block to 6½" square.