

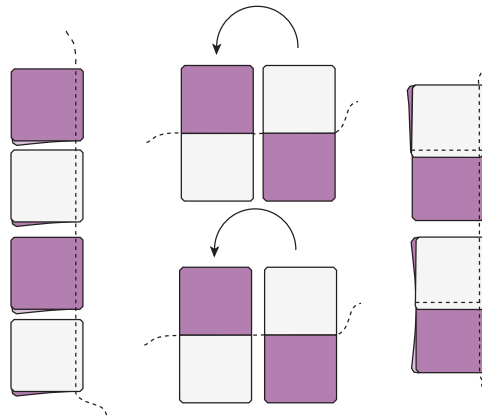


Perfect Patchwork Templates

Using templates doesn't mean it takes longer — *It's just as fast or faster!*

Making Four Patches the PPT Way

- Place 2 fabrics right sides together.
- Rotary cut strips the width of the square template you are using.
- If the strips weren't 6 or 8 layers high when you cut them, layer them now, alternating colors light, dark, dark, light and repeat.
- Cut squares and nip off the corners.
- Chain piece, picking up 2 squares at a time so they don't shift out of alignment. Alternate the fabric that is on top (this pair light on top, that pair dark). The chain can be as long as you want.
- Press seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Cut apart in pairs. The squares are in their proper color placement and ready for sewing. Place the first pairs right sides together and sew into four patches.



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Making Four Patches Using Strips

- Place 2 fabrics right sides together.
- Rotary cut strips the width of the finished square plus seam allowances.
- Chain piece, picking up 2 strips at a time so they don't shift out of alignment.
- Press seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Cut apart.
- Place 2 strip sets right sides together with opposite sides touching. Place the ruler perpendicular to the strip sets. Carefully line up the ruler, measure and cut segments the same width as your original strip width. ** This is where you lose time compared to using the templates. It is more time consuming to find the correct line on the ruler, line it up and cut than it is to simply cut with the template. Also, if you have placed 2 strips sets right sides together, you are cutting only four squares with each cut. In Step 3 of the PPT method, you would cut 6 or 8 squares with each cut!
- If you failed to place strip sets together before cutting, place 2 segments right sides together, checking to be sure the colors and seam allowances oppose each other, and sew into a four patch.
- You still need to go back and cut off the corners to eliminate bulk!

It is true that, with a ruler, you can cut strips any size you can measure. These 21 Perfect Patchwork squares, between 1" and 6" finished size, are currently available.

1"	(2.54 cm)	Template 79, Set N	2 1/2"	(6.4 cm)	Template 93, Set Q
1 1/4"	(3.2 cm)	Template Qc, Set Q	2 1/2"	(6.4 cm)	Template 102b, Set T
1 3/16"	(3 cm)	Template 99, Set S	2 13/16"	(7.1 cm)	Template 10, Set B
1 3/8"	(3.5 cm)	Template 28, Set D	3"	(7.6 cm)	Template 1, Set A
1 1/2"	(3.8 cm)	Template 5, Set A	3 1/2"	(8.9 cm)	Template 31, Set E
			(almost)		
1 11/16"	(3 cm)	Template 99, Set S	3 1/2"	(8.9 cm)	Template 102a, Set T
			(almost)		
1 3/4"	(4.4 cm)	Template 34, Set E	3 7/16"	(8.7 cm)	Template 67, Set L
1 3/4"	(4.4 cm)	Template 70, Set L	4"	(10.2 cm)	Template 8, Set B
(almost)					
2"	(5.2 cm)	Template 12, Set B	4 1/4"	(10.8 cm)	Template 15, Set C
2 1/8"	(5.4 cm)	Template 3, Set A	5"	(12.7 cm)	Template 102, Set T
2 3/8"	(6 cm)	Template 75, Set M	6"	(15.24 cm)	My Favorite Squaring Up Ruler

