

Summer Stashbuster 2010

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This quilt started as a UFO donated in January. As I was trying to find a way to stretch the squares I received, I developed the following quilt. I have included two options for the patch blocks. Option 1 will use up smaller pieces. Use Option 2 detailed at the bottom to make the straight patches if you are looking for a quicker project.

**Option 1: Split patches:** Using 2 1/8" strips, sew together the following:

- Piece 1: 2 1/8" by 2 1/8" dark strip to a 4 1/8" by 2 1/8" light strip
- Piece 2: 3 1/8" by 2 1/8" dark strip to a 3 1/8" by 2 1/8" light strip
- Piece 3: 4 1/8" by 2 1/8" dark strip to a 2 1/8" by 2 1/8" light strip



Image 1

Sew together to make a 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" block like Image 1:

For twin size, prepare 48 patch blocks, for a double, prepare 64 patch blocks, for a queen, prepare 72 patch blocks.

Cut white/light fabric in 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" blocks. You will need 1 1/3 yards for twin, 1 5/6 yards for a double, 2 yards for a queen.

Take one patch block and one light block and pin right sides together. Mark diagonally to prepare to sew half square triangles. If using split patches, be sure to mark the sewing line from the 4 1/8" strip to the 4 1/8" strip. See Image 2. Sew the 1/8" seams on either side of the marked cutting line. Cut as marked and press open seams toward the patch blocks.

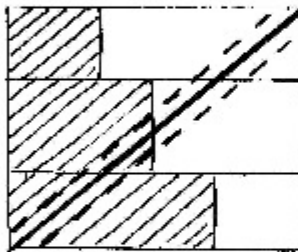


Image 2

Cut solid/coordinating fabric in 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" squares. You will need 96 blocks for twin (2 2/3 yards of fabric), 128 blocks for double (3 2/3 yards), 144 blocks for queen (4 yards).

Take one 1/4 square triangle block and one solid/coordinating block and pin right sides together. Mark the cutting line for half square triangles from white to patch to split the triangles. Cut and press open seams to the solid side.

Center each block and trim to 5 1/8" by 5 1/8".

Arrange blocks into a pinwheel pattern. Alternate your blocks so that the patch triangles are to the outside for block 1 (Image 3) and to the inside for block 2A (Image 4). Finished block size is 10 1/8" by 10 1/8". Alternate your starting block as you build your rows.



Image 3 (Block 1)



Image 4 (Block 2A)

If using split patches, arrange your block 2 triangles as shown in Image 5. This will create an added pinwheel around the block centers (block 2B).

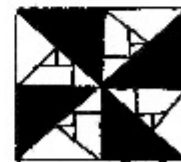


Image 5 (Block 2B)

I plan to use 3" borders with no other sashing.

Total pinwheel blocks needed: Twin size – 48 pinwheels, double – 64 pinwheels, queen – 72 pinwheels

**Option 2: Straight patches:** Using 2 1/8" strips, sew any three strips together and cut to make 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" blocks. Use these blocks in place of the split blocks shown in Option 1.