

2021 Mystery Quilt - Step 3

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This month, we'll be making 16 more four-patch blocks (in **four sets of four** blocks) that coordinate with the half-square triangles and the four patches you made in Steps 1 and 2. These scrappy four patches will be slightly different than the previous ones so read through all of the directions before you begin.



Materials

Choose scraps of **four different** medium or dark fabrics that are different from the ones you used last month. Then, choose a selection of lighter prints and some medium or dark prints to go with them. Each color set will coordinate with one set of the half-square triangle sets and the four-patch sets you made in Steps 1 and 2 of our Mystery. For instance, if you made brown HSTs or four patches last month, then don't use brown prints for the same set in these blocks - choose something that goes with brown or they will all blend together.

Cutting

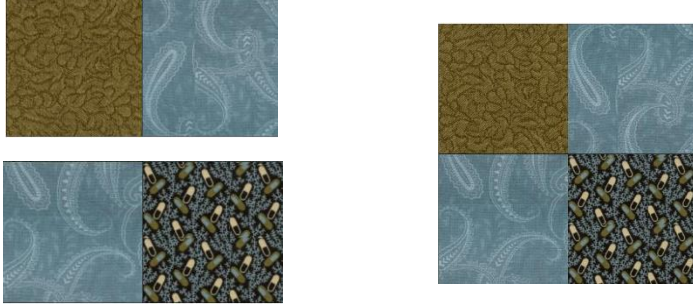
For each set,

- Cut **8 squares**, 1 ½" x 1 ½" from a medium or dark print (mine are red in pic above)
- Cut **4 squares**, 1 ½" x 1 ½" from a different light or medium print (mine are tan in pic above)
- Cut **2 squares**, 1 ½" x 1 ½" from another different print (mine are dark blue above)
- Cut **2 squares**, 1 ½" x 1 ½" from yet another different print (mine are light blue above)

You will have a total of **16** squares. Make **4** four-patch blocks from these following directions below. Then repeat to make **FOUR different sets** like this for a **total of 16-four patch blocks** to go with the blocks from Steps 1 and 2.

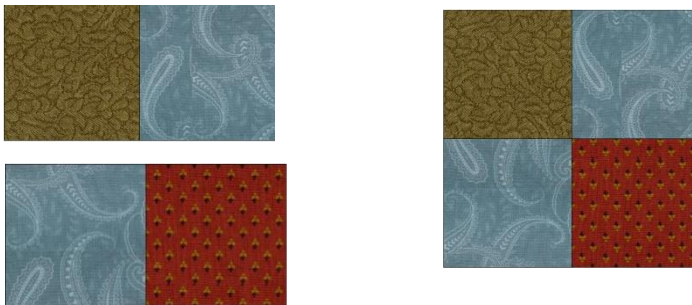
Make the Four-patch Block

1. Choose 2 matching $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares from the fabrics selected. Sew one square to a different print square. Then sew the other matching square to a different print square. Sew the 2 units together to make a scrappy four-patch block.



Make 2 matching four-patch blocks.

2. Repeat step 1 above to make 2 more scrappy four-patch blocks using 2 matching prints and 2 scrappy prints - replacing one print you used above with a different print.



Make 2 matching four-patch blocks.

3. Trim the blocks to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (Blocks will measure 2" x 2" when finished in the quilt). Make 16 blocks total.



Four sets of scrappy four-patch blocks. Each set has 2 pairs of matching blocks. **Sixteen blocks total.**

This is what all of your finished blocks for the 2021 Mystery should look like so far with the half-square triangles, matching four patches and the scrappy four-patch blocks arranged in four groups.



The Mystery will be revealed next month (April 1) when I show you how to put them all together.

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