

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

In March we started a new community service quilt made with Fancy Pants Four-Patch blocks. **This is not your typical four-patch construction**, so please see the step-by-step instructions below. Please pick up a kit at the Block of the Month table.

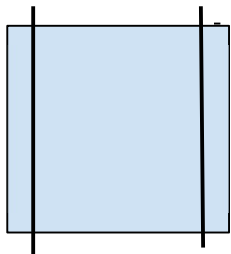
If you still have kits to make the 6.5-inch nine patches for our baby quilts, please sew them up and **turn them in during the April meeting** so we can assemble these baby quilts. We appreciate the sewing you do for our community service projects!

Finally, we are excited to provide another set of instructions for the Mystery Quilt. Please note that the Mystery Quilt steps #7 and #8 are after the instructions for the Fancy Pants Four-Patch block.

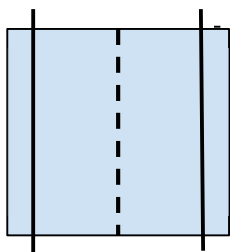
FANCY PATCH FOUR-PATCH BLOCK INSTRUCTIONS

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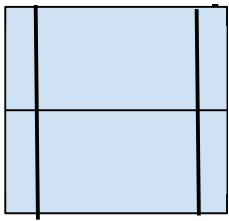
- 1) Take two squares of fabric from the kit and put them right sides together. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " down the right side, and a $\frac{1}{4}$ " down the left side.



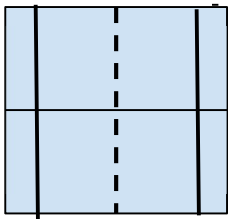
- 2) Cut down the middle. Measure twice, and cut once.



- 3) Open your two-patch blocks, and iron towards the darker fabric.
- 4) Place the two-patch blocks right sides together, making sure the opposite fabrics are facing each other. You do want the dark fabric touching the lighter fabric. Be sure the seams are butted closely together.
- 5) Put your seam horizontally, and sew down the right side and left side of the aligned blocks.



- 6) Cut down the middle.



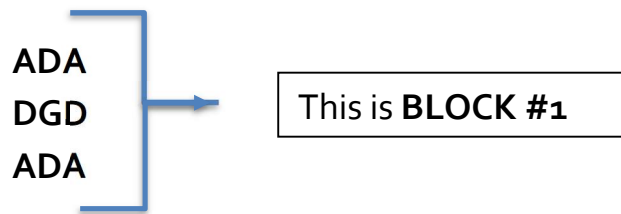
You have made 2 four-patch blocks. Press the seam in either direction.

MYSTERY QUILT INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for creating this quilt will be provided at the monthly guild meetings and in the newsletters from January through May. In June we will have a special "Show and Share" so everyone can see how these mysterious quilt tops turned out.

Step 7: Combining results of Steps 5 & 6 to create Block #1

Make 21 square blocks with one **D-G-D** pieced between two **A-D-A** pieces.



Press toward the center bars. It should measure 8" square. Block 1 is complete!

Step 8: Joining background squares to accent pairs.

Take 21 B patches and insert between 42 accent pairs from Step 4 (patches F & G made into pairs). The fabrics should be lined up as fabrics **4-5-1-5-4**. Press toward the background.

As a reminder:

Fabric 1 = Background

Fabric 4 = Medium Light Accent

Fabric 5 = Medium Dark Accent

WE ARE NEAR THE END!! The final steps and putting it all together are the remaining instructions and will be provided in May!