

Bobbi's very scrappy block

Block finishes at 8" square - Unfinished measurement is 8.5" square

The goal is a very scrappy block, and a hint of quilts you previously made.



I have made many of these blocks and there are two good ways to make them.

You will use one solid fabric, color of your choice (no black, white or gray please) and in each block, 32 different print squares that are cut to 1.5" square

For each block -

Cut 32 1.5" squares. Since you are making two blocks, you can cut two of each print fabric and use one of each in each block. The blocks will look very different because the solid adds a very different flavor to each square, and your placement will likely be different.

Select 32 squares for each block. I like to put them in groups to be sure they are a nice variety of colors, scale but totally random is great



Piecing Method one:

Cut a strip of solid fabric, 1.5" wide. You will need a total of 48" so one width of fabric and a bit more

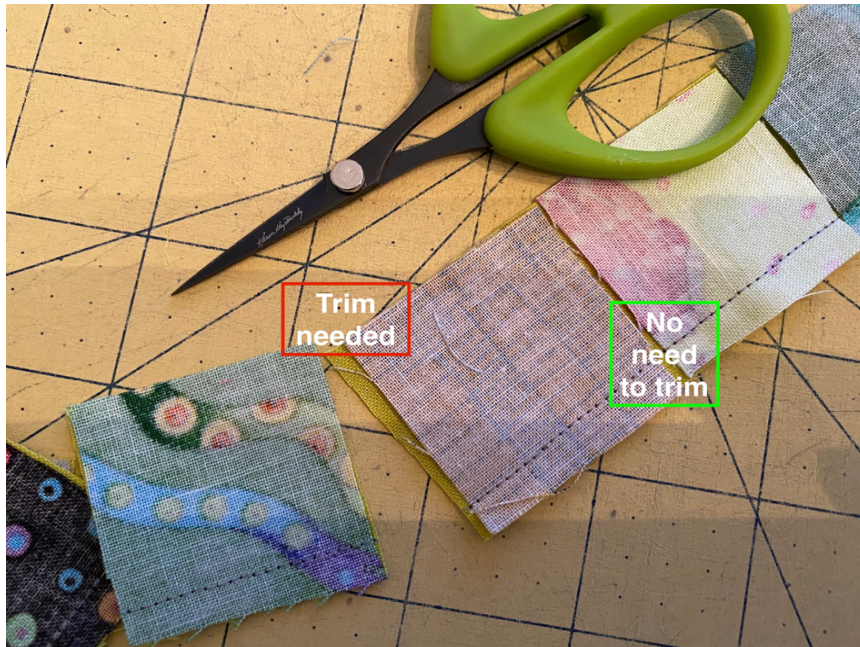
Without cutting the strip, lay the 1.5" square down, stitch it.

Without making a visible break, lay down the next 1.5" square, stitch it.

Continue until all are stitched. Notice no break between squares.



After all are sewn, cut them apart, using the printed square as the template
If there is a gap between the squares in the chain, you may have to trim them



Press toward the solid after they are cut.
If you press them first, you have to be more careful in cutting!

Piecing Method two:

Cut the solid fabric into 32 1.5" squares

Chain piece all. It's easier to press them in a chain and then snip the joining threads.



Assembly

If you pressed them all to the solid, most seams will nest in assembly, making it easy to match

I totally randomly stitch each pair together, making 4 patches.

Press. (When doing small piecing, pressing really helps)

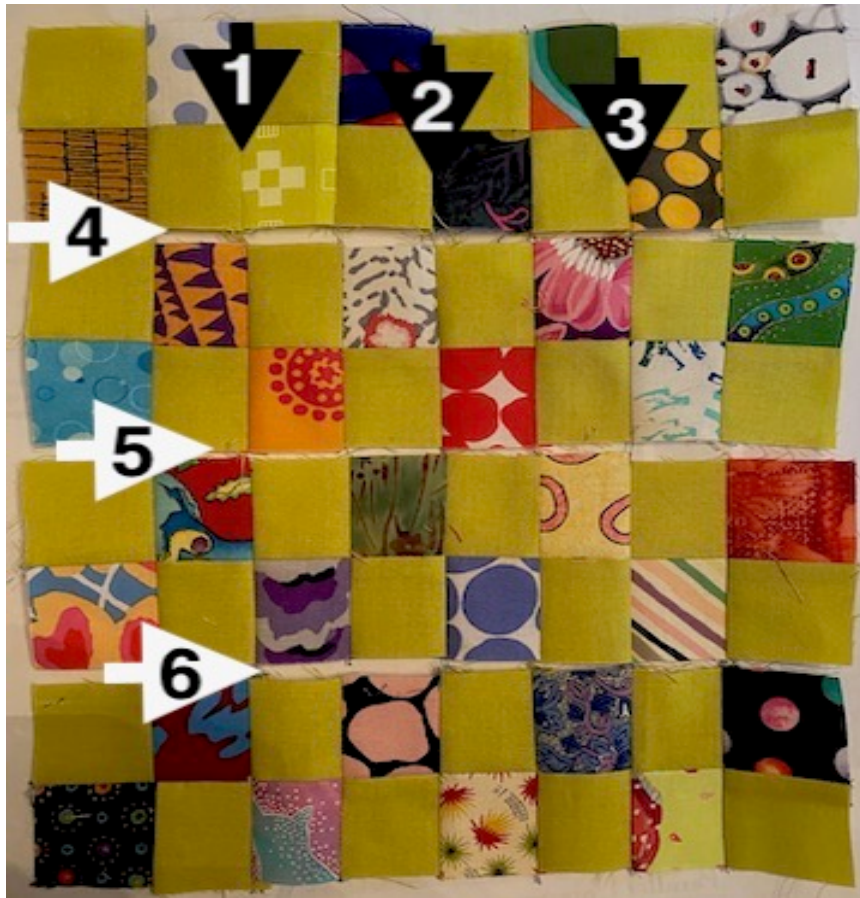


Once the 4 patches are complete, I lay them out on the table, in a pleasing arrangement

I chain stitch the columns first leaving them attached to keep them in order



Press well and stitch the horizontal seams. Final press.



Done and thank you! I can't wait to see what color solids you choose, and the blocks!

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