

Courtyard—Mystery Quilt October 2016

Clue 3: Let's Start Sewing!

Four Patch Units

You'll be making sets of 4-Patch units, one set made with each of the Main Colors. Easy as pie.

1. With RST and using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, sew a Blue 2-1/2" x WOF strip to a Background1 2-1/2" x WOF strip along the long side; press toward the Blue strip.

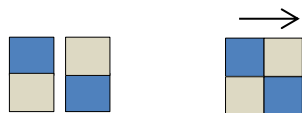


2. Subcut the strip set from Step #1 into 2-1/2" segments. (If you have a Stripology ruler, or similar ruler that lets you cut segments quickly, this is a great time to use it.) You'll have 16 segments.

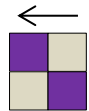


3. Repeat Steps #1-2 with two more Blue and Background1 strips. You will have (48) 2-1/2" segments.

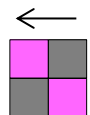
4. Sew two of the segments from Step #3 into a 4-Patch, making sure the segments are oriented as shown below; because of the pressing in the previous steps, the seams should nestle against each other. Press in the direction of the arrow. You will end up with (24) 4-Patches. Square up to 4-1/2" square, if necessary.



5. Repeat Steps #1-4, but using Purple with the Background1 strips. (Note that you will **not** be using all the Purple 2-1/2" strips, just three of them.) Press in the direction of the arrow, noticing that *this is the opposite direction from which you pressed the Blue 4-Patches*.



6. Repeat Steps #1-4, but using Pink and Background2 strips. (Note that this is Background2 now, if you are using two different backgrounds.) Press in the direction of the arrow.



That's it for this clue. Whew! You're well on your way now!

