

Primitive Patchwork – by Ricky Tims



Refer to TheQuiltShow.com, Episode 1012, Segment 1 for video that supports this project.



1. Cut (or tear) 2.5" strips from a variety of solid or blended solid fabrics in colors you like. I cut across the goods so my strips are 42" – 44". Then I divide those in half so they are 2.5" x about 22"



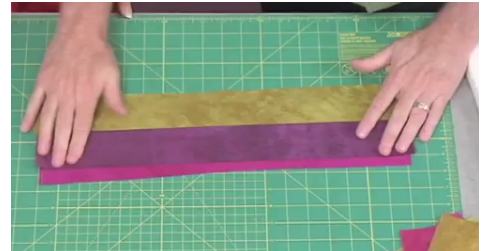
2. Sew a variety of pairs together with a narrow seam, but no need to be super accurate on this. I use my all-purpose foot, move the needle to the right, sewing a sufficient seam.



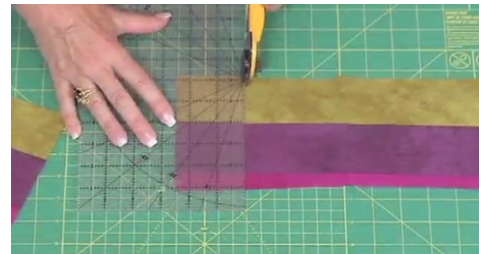
3. Press seams to one side. Press toward dark side if lighter fabric will show seam shadowing.



4. Stagger and layer several sewn pairs on cutting mat.

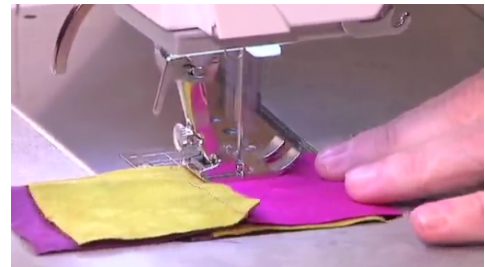


5. Cross cut at 2.5" – and these cuts do not need to be super accurate – so they can also be freely cut at 2.5" In the video, Alex measured and cut with ruler. I often just cut these by 'eyeballing' the lines without a ruler.



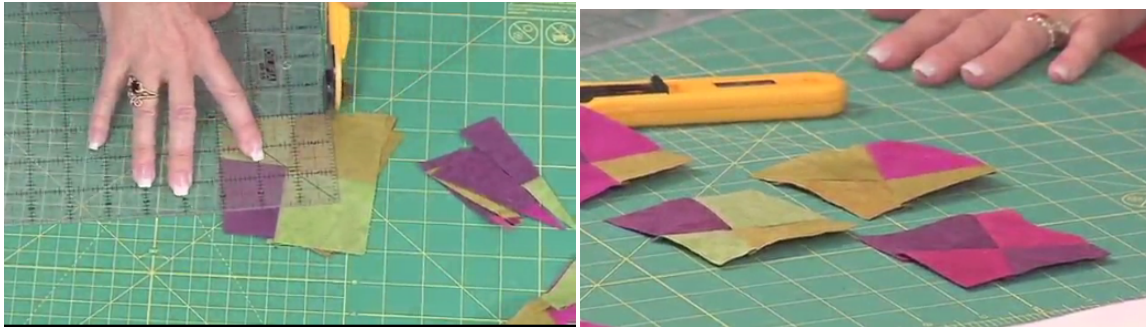
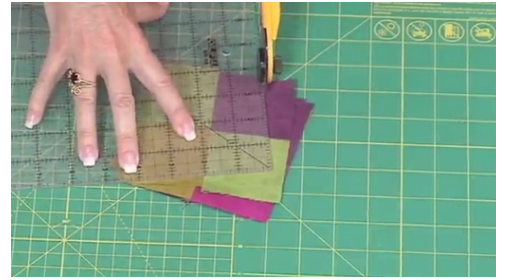
6. Make a confetti pile of two-patch units.

7. Sew pairs together to make four-patches. I generally try to make the seams go in opposite directions. Some seams are sewn to match, but shake it up and sew several where the seams are obviously off even if the outside edges don't match up.

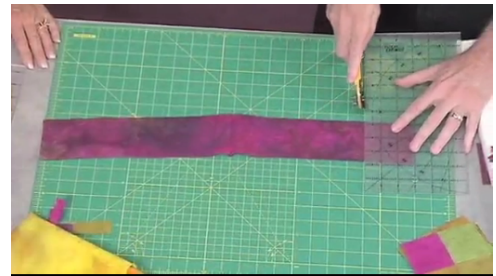


8. After making four-patches from your two-patch confetti pile, some of them (a third to a half) will be layered and trimmed as stated in the next step. Remaining four-patches will be left as is and used later.

9. Layer 4 four-patches, but tilt and offset them so they are not perfectly on top of each other. Trim them to 3" squares. The seams do not need to be parallel to the edge of the newly trimmed 3" units. This creates playful, wonky four-patches that are smaller than the originals. NOTE: Both the original and newly trimmed blocks will be used in the quilt.



10. From a darker fabric – cut 3" strips. You will determine as you go how many you need based on the size of a quilt that you choose to make.



11. Layer four strips and cut the 3" strips into 3" squares.

12. Cut the 3" squares diagonally (without a ruler if you are me).



13. Sew a triangle onto each side of the 3" four-patches. Press and trim of bunny ears.



14. Cut light colored fabric strips that are 5.5" wide. Feel free to layer several 5.5" strips. Then cut 5.5" squares – again, exact is not necessary. Cut these squares once diagonally.



15. Sew these larger triangles onto the four sides. It will be necessary to trim off the 'bunny ears'. Press.



16. Use this same technique to surround the four-patches from earlier that were not trimmed to 3". Finish half blocks with dark and the other half with light. Press.



17. Using your smallest block as a guide, trim all blocks exactly square. They may be 7" or 7.5". It is possible that they may all be trimmed to 6.5". Regardless, they should all be trimmed the same size. Do not worry if a corner of a square will be trimmed off or lost in the seam allowance.



18. Set the quilt together alternating dark and light blocks.



19. Add borders and quilt desired.