

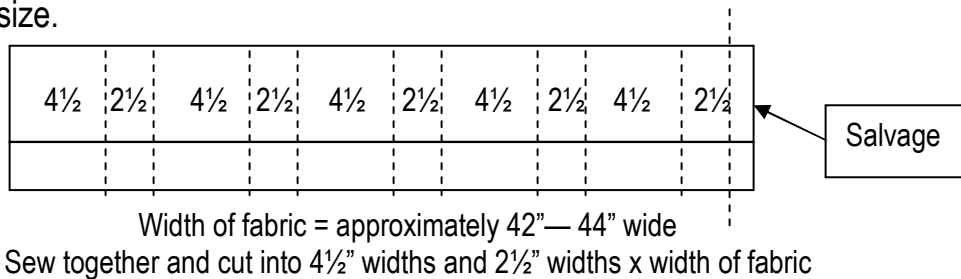
The 2½ by 4½ Quilt

This block is a quick and easy block to make when you strip piece it and then cut it apart. You could also use this block to use up those scraps that are too great to throw away but too small for most blocks. (Of course, this takes a lot more time to cut and piece.) Each block finishes at six inches. You will need 70 blocks (7 x 10) to make a quilt that is 42" x 60" without a border.

Let's begin with the strip piecing method:

Cut the width of the fabric into strips that are 4½" wide and 2½" wide from many different fabrics.

Sew the two different sized strips of different fabrics together. Press seams away from the larger piece. Now cut this strip into pieces that are 4½" wide and 2½" wide. Continue cutting until the strip has been completely cut up. Although eventually you will need the same number of each size, some strips may cut up with more of the smaller size. Then with the next strip you can cut more of the larger size.

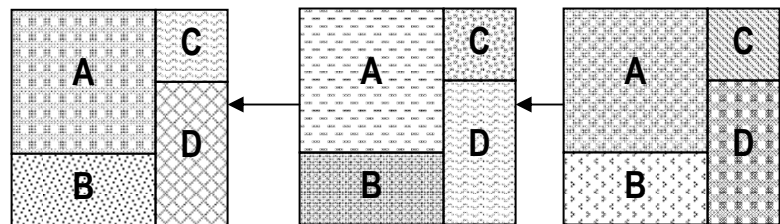


When you have a good stack of various prints in the two sizes, arrange them into blocks. All four fabrics in the block should be different. Put the smaller piece on the right of the larger piece making sure that the two seams do not match. Sew the segment together into 6½" square blocks and press away from the larger piece. Repeat. Although the blocks will be of different fabrics, they will be identical in layout.

If you want to use up your scraps, the blocks are cut the following sizes: (4 different fabrics for each block will quickly use up those scraps you've been saving.)

- A is a 4½" x 4½" square
- B is a 4½" x 2½" rectangle
- C is a 2½" x 2½" square
- D is a 4½" x 2½" rectangle

Each block measures 6½" square



To make an Infant, Toddler, Child or Teen quilt, combine blocks, using AZB4K suggested finished sizes. [Find them on the website or in an AZB4K brochure.] Blanket can be finished using the traditional method, which uses a binding, or the 'envelope' method, which uses no binding. Quilt or tie at least every 3 ½ to 4 inches. Quilting in the ditch looks nice and reinforces the blanket. Quilting ½" around the outside edges gives a more finished look when using the 'envelope' method.