

Material Girls Present: The Traditional Quilt

September: Straight & Simple

STRAIGHTEN UP

Starting with squared up straight on grain fabric is a must. Patches cut off grain will pucker in appliqué and shrink up wonky on any patch or piece work top. Here's how:

1st Wash, dry and iron the fabric.

Next fold lengthwise, matching the selvages. Does the fabric hang smoothly? If yes move on to the next step.

NO! Pull at opposite corners of the fabric one way then the other in an attempt to straighten the grain.

NOW with the selvages matching, slide the top fabric layer over the bottom fabric layer until the fabrics lay smoothly.

Lay the fabric down on a cutting board/table keeping it in this position. Finger press the fold and use it as the straight edge

Line up the ruler with the fold and the shortest part of one end.

Cut off the uneven end at the shortest part, cutting a straight edge. Do the same on the opposite end,

Fold in half width-wise and trim away selvages edges. This is just one method.

SIMPLE, GOOD ALTERNATE; 4, 5 & 9 PATCH & CHAIN BLOCKS:

SIMPLE:

square, 4 patch, 9 patch, Shoo fly, double monkey wrench, the spool, square in a square, diamond in a square, economy patch, right & left, twin sisters just to name a few

ALTERNATIVES:

(with variations), Snowball, rail fence, 9 patch, chain, economy, cross x, puss in the corner, broken sash strip, 4 patch and 4X, flying geese and more!

4 PATCH:

16 patch, hour glass, broken dishes, pinwheel, turnstile, two (three, four) by two, whirlpool, flying X, windmill, Clay's choice, old maid's puzzle, girl's favorite, school girl's puzzle, Yankee puzzle, Dutchman's puzzle, 16 PIONTS (guild block), hovering hawks, blockade, lattice square, Carrie Nation, lucky clover, vines at the window, crossroads and more!

5 PATCH:

25 patch, 5 patch shoo fly, cross & crown, 4X star, goose tracks, Lady of the lake, flying squares, square and a ½, pinwheel square, duck and ducklings, Handy Andy, bird's nest, fool's square, St. Louis star, children's delight, King's crown, crazy house. Clown, Providence quilt, Grandmother's puzzle, Grandma's favorite, sister's choice, old scraps patch, offset squares, and more!

9 PATCH:

double 9 patch, calico puzzle, hourglass, contrary wife, friendship star, eccentric star, snowball, shoo fly, Grecian square, double monkey wrench, card trick, spool, darting birds, maple leaf, Arkansas snowflake, time & tide, Mississippi, optical illusion, broken wheel, all Hallows, Wyoming valley, Kansas star, summer's wind, saw tooth, windmill, apple pie, chocolate cake, oatmeal and raisin cookies & more!

WICKEDLY WONDERFUL WEBSITES

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<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/techniques/index.html> variety of techniques

<http://www.gourmetquilter.com/media/pdf/5inch%20charm%20square%20yield%20guide.pdf>
Common cuts for 5" charm squares

<http://www.straw.com/quilting/articles/snowball1.html> how to make snow ball blocks

<http://www.blockcentral.com/index.shtml> blocks

<http://cheryl.thisbe.org/Patterns.html> huge amount of patterns (amazing site)

http://www.mccallsquilting.com/Block_Reference.html blocks

<http://www.scrapquilts.com/> quilt patterns

<http://sleepyowlstudio.wordpress.com/2011/04/03/square-in-a-square-quilt-block-tutorial/> Square in a square

http://www.patternsfromhistory.com/colonial_revival/dresden-plate.htm traditional patterns

<http://quiltbus.com/free-Quilt-Blocks.htm> great selection of blocks