

Slightly Wonky

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Fabrics -- Black Prints (1 or 2), White Prints (1 or 2), and strip of Green (1)

Overview -- The block is a little bit on the freeform side of quilting. The black and white fabrics make a four patch. Then strips of APPROXIMATE size are cut from the green fabric and pieces in ROUGHLY to make the diamond. The final block is trimmed to size as you make it.

Directions -- Use 1/4" seams.

1. Cut TWO 6-1/2" squares of White, you can use the same or two different fabrics.
2. Cut TWO 6-1/2" squares of Black, the same or different fabrics.
3. Cut four strips of the green fabric APPROXIMATELY 11" long by 1-3/4" wide. Have them a little wonky in the width.

One way to do this is to cut a 2" wide strip across the 44" width of fabric. Fold it in half so you have a 22" x 2" piece with a fold. Lining your ruler up on the strip at one end on a corner and the other end 1/2" in from the edge - trim off a thin slice and discard. Fold in half the long way, so you have four layers of fabric, roughly 11" by 1-3/4". Use your scissors to cut the folds and you have your four strips. (See Figure 1)

4. Sew the black and white squares into a four patch, at this point the block will measure 12-1/2".
5. Cut one diagonal in your Four Patch. Use your ruler to cut off a corner, roughly from one center of a side to the approximate center of the other side. (See Figure 2)
6. Sew one edge of a green strip to the larger part of the block. Trim the strip to match the sides of the block.** Center the corner on this piece and sew it back on. Now trim to a 12-1/2" block again. (See Figure 3)

** NOTE: One accurate way to trim the block is to cut the edges to be 6-1/4" from the center seams.

7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 to add green strips to the other three corners.
8. Ta-Da! Finished block!

