

Scrappy Four-Patch Quilt, Older Child

This kit includes twelve $8\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks and forty-eight $4\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks of assorted fabric, and five strips of border fabric. Backing fabric may also be included.

Small Blocks – fabric scraps, at least $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square, cut 48 – $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Large Blocks – fabric scraps at least $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square, or, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of fabric.

Cut scraps or yardage into $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Scraps can be used, or the yardage can be used [which gives a not so scrappy look]

Border – $\frac{2}{3}$ yard fabric, cut into five – $4\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

Backing – $1\frac{2}{3}$ yards fabric

Batting – 42" x 58"

Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance for construction, sew two – $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares together into a unit and then sew two units together into a 4-patch square as shown [figure 1]. Make twelve 4-patch squares.

Suggestion: Lay the squares out before sewing to get a pleasing arrangement.

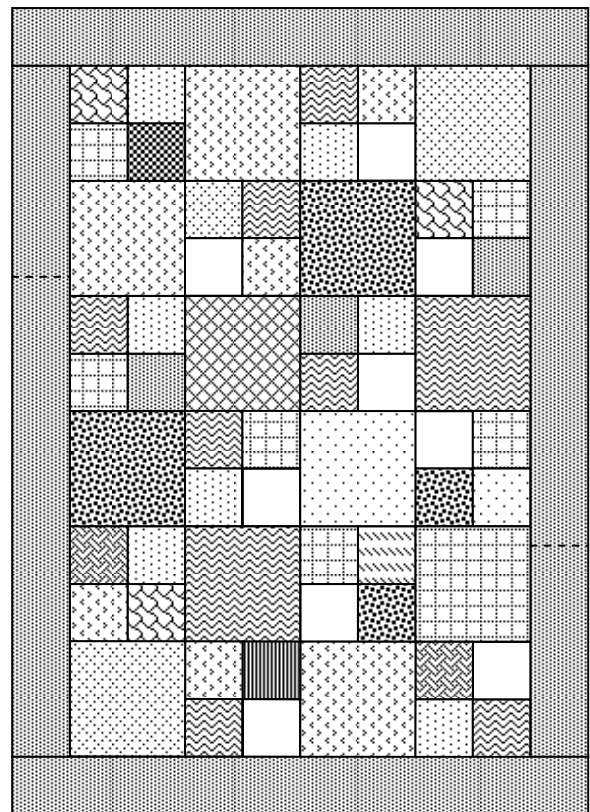
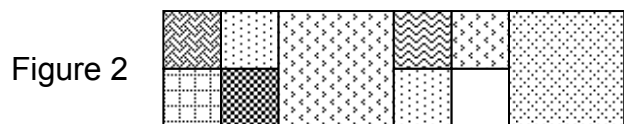
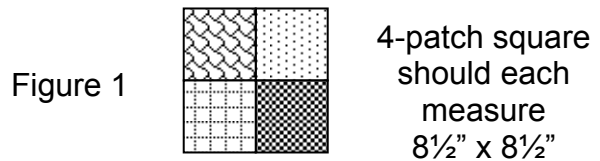
Sew into rows of four squares by alternating an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square and a 4-patch square [figure 2]. You should have six rows.

Sew the rows together, alternating rows that start with an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square with rows that start with a 4-patch square to form the quilt top.

Cut 1 border strip in half and sew each half end-to-end to another border strip to make 2 long strips. Sew the border strips to the quilt following the diagram. Add the side borders first, press seams and trim. Next, add the top and bottom borders, press and trim.

This 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 $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches. Quilting in the ditch looks nice and reinforces the blanket. Quilting $\frac{1}{2}$ " around the outside edges gives a more finished look when using the 'envelope' method.

Finished size is approximately 40" x 56"



*Fabric requirements and cutting instructions are included for those wishing to make this pattern at home.