



Magic 4 Patch Quilt Workshop Notes



Please note these are basic instructions to accompany a workshop or zoom demo.

1. Take 4 fat quarters and cut each into 4 squares as large as you can - somewhere between 9" and 10"
Or use 10" precut squares
Or 5" precut squares
Or ANY other size squares
2. Lay out one square of each fat quarter = 1 set
Lay out 4 squares
3. Sew together into a 4 patch, finger press (don't use an iron!)
4. Cut either side of the centre vertical and horizontal seams at a given size:
Val suggests 2.5" for 10" squares and 1.5" for 5" squares but any size is fine, the key is that you cut all 4 sides the same!
5. Shuffle large squares and then the little 4 patch, this will now resemble a 9-patch. Re-sew - this gives you the basic block
6. Repeat with the other 3 sets, this creates the medallion centre of the quilt

If you wish to continue with the borders in the top left picture:

The blocks are constructed in the same manner – but the starting point is that the squares are smaller - suggest 5” squares. You will need to make 16. Four of these now need to be made the right length as your medallion centre – so add a fudge factor in the way of a strip or two! (the feature border doesn't need to be taken into account when measuring) Repeat with the remaining 12 to make the 4 borders. Decide on the corners – these were created from another piece of fabric but cut the same size as the smaller Magic 4 blocks. Create the borders and add to your medallion centre.

The basic block can be used in a variety of settings: try putting them on point, using just 2 fabrics – the possibilities are endless!

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