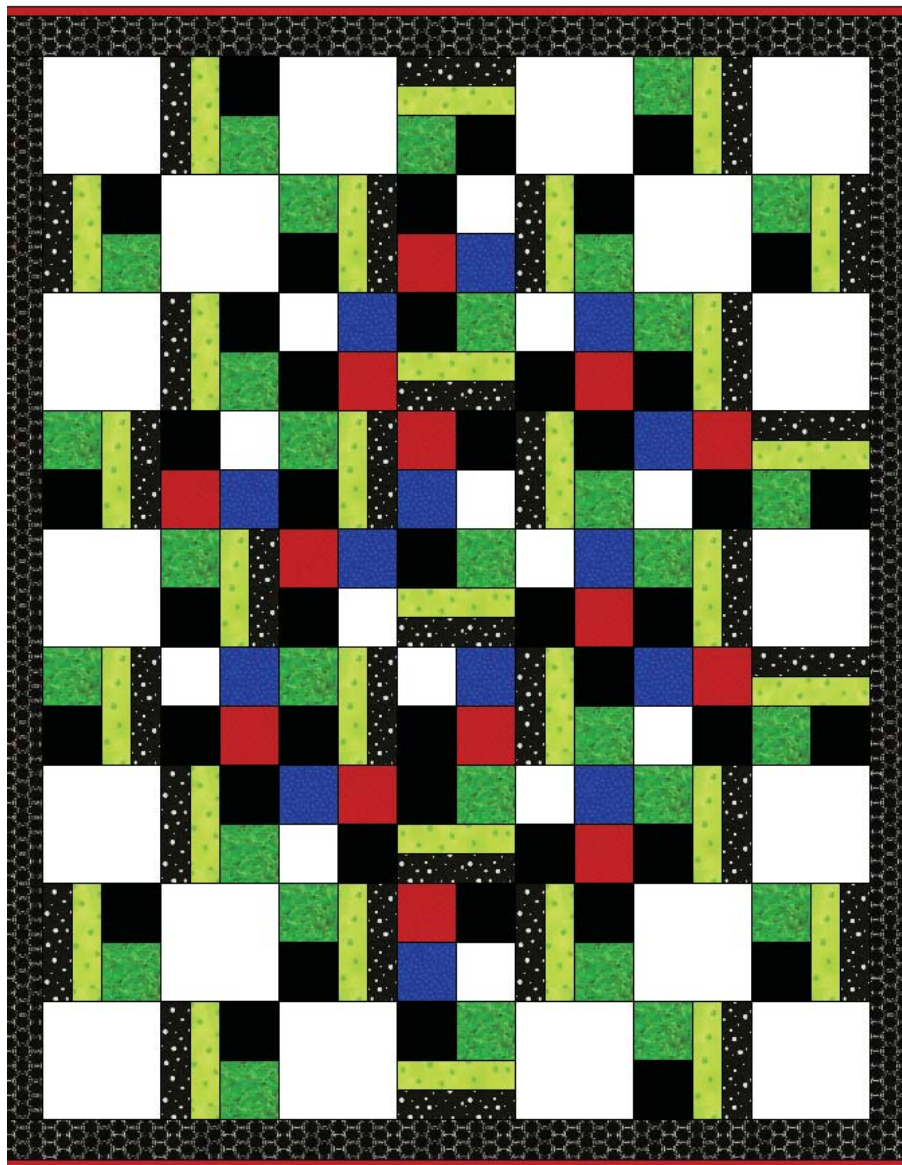


From the Simple Strips and Spunky Squares series

Four Plus Two Plus Two



Fabric Needs

White - 3/4 yard
Black - 1/2 yard
Lime - 3/8 yard
Green - 1/3 yard
Red - 5/8 yard
Black Dotted - 3/4 yard

47" x 50" Simple Pieced Quilt

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Combine graphic block designs with bold white blocks, and the result is a contemporary look which welcomes simple graphic quilting. Simple, but effective, this quilt assembles very quickly and can be made by any level quilter. Beginners with an eye for freedom in block arrangement will have great fun moving the blocks around.

This quilt is very basic, so that enlarging it to any desired size will also be easy. The options are limitless, including adding another border or two.

Four Plus Two Plus Two

47 " x 50"

Sixty-three 6" finished blocks in a 7 x 9 layout



Two different four patch blocks set with plain white squares give this simple arrangement a contemporary feel which is emphasized by the graphic circles and squares quilted on the blocks.

Two different, but very simple, pieced blocks are constructed from strip sets for this quilt. There will be leftover pieces from some of the strip sets, offering opportunity to piece them together as part of the quilt back.

Fabric Needs and Cutting Instructions based on 42" available width

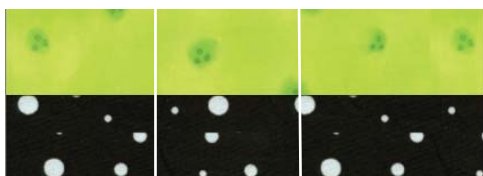
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Fabric	Yardage	First Cut	Second Cut	Use
White	3/4 yard	Three 6-1/2" strips Two 3-1/2" strips	Eighteen 6-1/2" squares - Individual Blocks	Four Patch Block
Black	1/2 yard	Three 3-1/2" strips Two 3-1/2" strips		Two Plus Two Block Four Patch Block
Lime	3/8 yard	Six 2" strips		Two Plus Two Block
Green	1/3 yard	Three 3-1/2" strips		Two Plus Two Block
Red	5/8 yard	Two 3-1/2" strips		Four Patch Block
Blue		Five 2-1/2" strips Two 3-1/2" strips		Binding Four Patch Block
Black + Dots	3/4 yard	Six 2" strips Five 2" strips		Two Plus Two Block Border

Block Construction



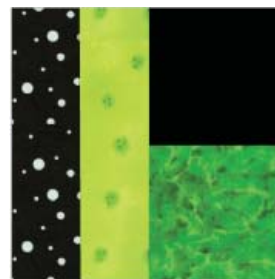
Using 3-1/2" wide strips, sew three strip sets. Press seam toward black. Cut thirty-one 3-1/2" sections. The vertical white lines indicate the cutting.



Using 2" wide strips, sew six strip sets. Press seam toward dotted black. Cut thirty-one 6-1/2" sections. (You will have a long leftover section from one set. Consider using it on the back!)

Two Plus Two Block

Stitch the green/black segments to the lime/dotted segment, following the orientation of the fabrics shown in the block at right. Sew 31 blocks.



Four Patch Block



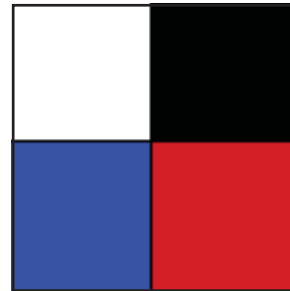
Using 3-1/2" wide strips, sew two red and black strip sets. Press the seam toward the black. Cut fourteen 3-1/2" sections.



Using 3-1/2" wide strips, sew two blue and white strip sets. Press the seam toward the blue. Cut fourteen 3-1/2" sections.

Four Patch Block

Stitch the red/black sections to the blue/white sections, following the orientation of the fabrics shown at right. Sew 14 blocks.



Sew 14

Quilt Assembly

Consult the quilt photograph and, noting the orientation of each block, arrange them into horizontal rows. Play with the block placement to decide your personal choice. Sew the blocks into rows.. Press alternate rows in opposite directions so that the seams will nestle when sewn to the adjoining row. Sew the rows together.

Attach the Borders

Measure the quilt top horizontally and vertically through the middle of the quilt. Generally, quilt edges are a bit longer than in the center, so if you use the center measurement to cut the borders, you will be able to keep your quilt straighter.

- Record your vertical measurement. It will be about 54" long.
- Record your horizontal measurement. It will be about 42" wide.
- Using 2" dotted black strips, cut two borders to match your horizontal measurement.

With right sides together, pin the center of the border to the center of the quilt edge, then align and pin the ends. Add more pins, then sew. The quilt top may have a small excess, so sew with the quilt towards the feed dogs.

- Join the remaining three dotted black strips using bias joins. Cut the borders equal to your vertical measurement plus 3-1/2", the addition made by the top and bottom borders. Pin and sew these borders as described previously.

Wow - the quilt is ready for sandwiching and quilting!