

## Simple 4-Patches from 5" Squares

*Note: This method results in 2 matching 4 patches. Finished 4 patches will measure 4 ½ inches.*

1. Pick two 5" squares, typically 1 light square and 1 dark square.
2. Place squares right sides together and sew ¼" from the edge of the right side of the paired squares and then sew 1/4" away from the left edge of the paired squares.
3. Place the sewn squares on the cutting surface with the sewn edges running vertically. Line up the 2 ½" line on your ruler with the edge of the fabrics and cut the squares in half.
4. Press the halves open, pressing the seam toward the darker fabric.
5. Place the halves right sides together matching up the seam line with the light fabric facing the dark fabric. Nestle the seams. Place a pin at each side of the seam to prevent slipping while sewing the next step.
6. Sew down both sides using a ¼" seam, removing each pin so you don't hit it.
7. Place the sewn squares on the cutting surface with the sewn edges running vertically. Line up the 2 ½" line on your ruler with the edge of the fabric and cut the squares in half.
8. Open the squares, twirl the center seam to reduce bulk, and press. You now have 2 perfectly matched 4 patches.

*To twirl the seams:*

Pick out the 2 – 3 stitches that are in the seam allowance of the short seam. Looking at the wrong side of the block, gently open it. That center seam should start to twirl itself – just help it with your fingers or an iron.

