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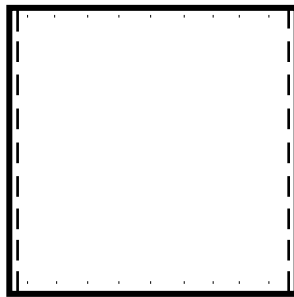
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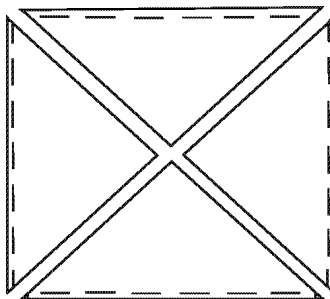
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Pinwheel

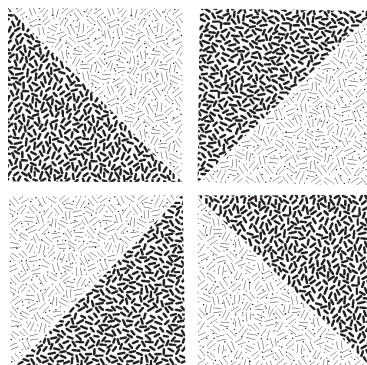
1. Lay 2 squares right sides together and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on all 4 sides (sew off edge at corner or pivot, it doesn't matter).



2. Now make 2 cuts diagonally corner to corner open and press 4 half square triangles (HST).

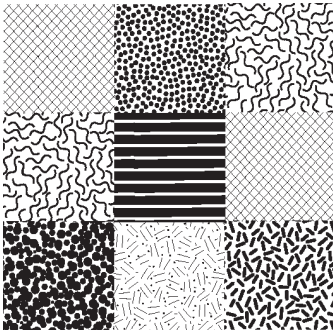


3. Arrange into a pinwheel or other pattern (have fun with designs) sew, press, and square up.

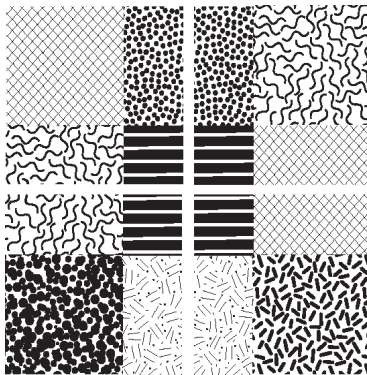


Disappearing 9 Patch

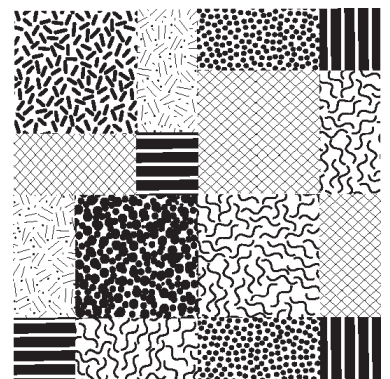
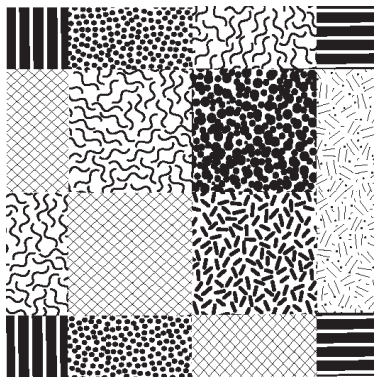
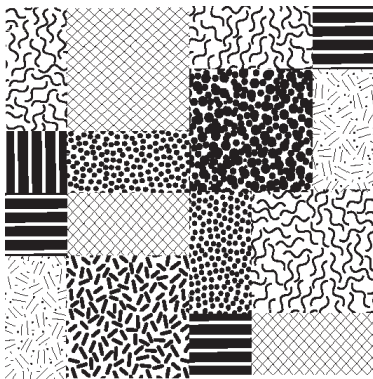
1. Sew 9 blocks into a square, 3 blocks each in 3 rows. (Any size square will work).



2. Make one cut in the center each way.

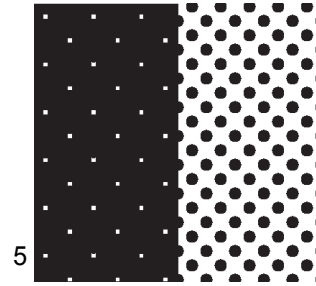
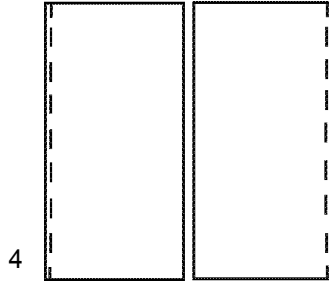
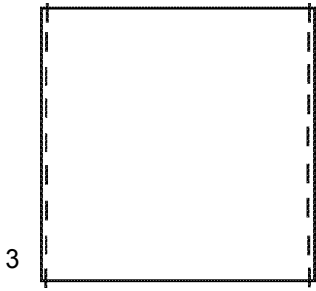


3. Arrange in varying patterns as you like, and sew.

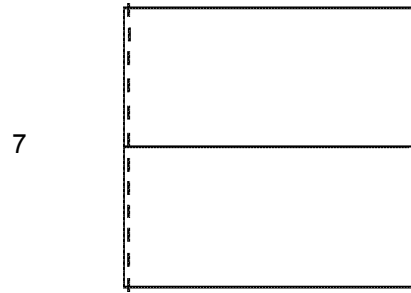
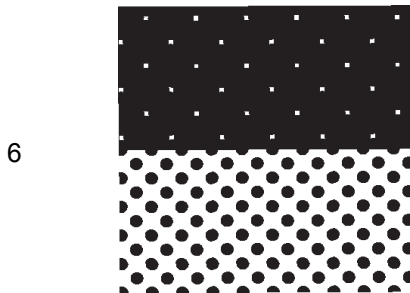


Easy 4 Patch

1. Use charm pack squares or 5" squares.
2. Place 2 contrasting pieces right sides together.
3. Sew 1/4" seams on the right and left sides.
4. Cut down the middle.
5. Press open.

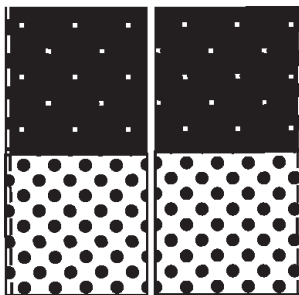


6. With the newly created squares, that now have a mid-seam, mix and match the squares in sets of 2 (right sides together) so the seam runs horizontally.

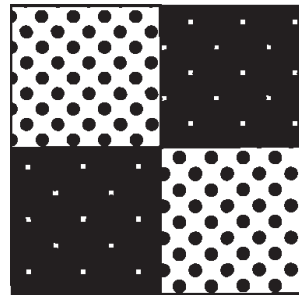


7. Again, right sides together with 1/4" seams on both right and left sides.
8. Cut down the middle. Viola! A simple 4 patch.
9. As before, press open.

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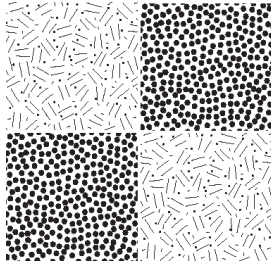


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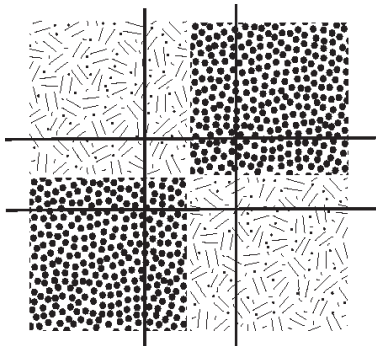


Disappearing 4 Patch

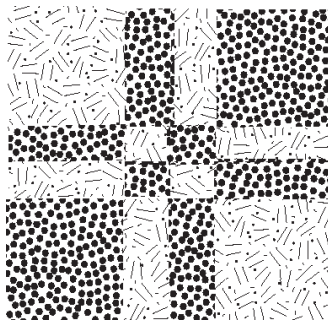
1. Using 4 squares (2 light and 2 dark in opposite corners). Sew together using 1/4" seams, press with seams pressed to the darker color square.



2. Make a cut 1" from center seam on each side of both vertical and horizontal seams (this equals 4 cuts).



3. Arrange blocks as desired.



4. Sew to make a fun block.