

The Disappearing 16-Patch

Adapted from: <http://www.sewwequilt.com/2011/03/disappearing-16-patch.html>

1. Make a 16-patch block, using the 8 4" x 4" white squares from the packet and 8 4" x 4" red, yellow, and orange squares from your stash. (They can be prints or solids.) Make sure you ALTERNATE the white and colored squares to make a checkerboard pattern.



2. Press all seams **OPEN**.



3. Lay your ruler along the diagonal of your 16-patch block, making sure to hit each corner. Cut along the diagonal. Without moving the blocks, lay your ruler along the other diagonal and cut, again making sure to cut through each corner.

4. Trim off any little triangles that are dangling from the ends of the seams.

5. Take the bottom triangle and place it above the top triangle. Take the right triangle and place it to the left of the left triangle. Sew these new blocks together – you'll see that there is a 4-patch in the center of each.



6. You now have 2 blocks that should measure about 10" square (don't square them up, though – leave that for the person who wins the blocks).



Here are some ideas for how you can use these squares in a quilt.

