

FVQG Block of the Month – June 2023 - Strips Around The Square



Cut 1 square that is $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$

Cut 2 strips of black that are $1\frac{1}{2}''$ wide x width of fabric that is at least 40'' wide.

Sub-cut 8 pieces from these strips that are $8\frac{1}{2}''$

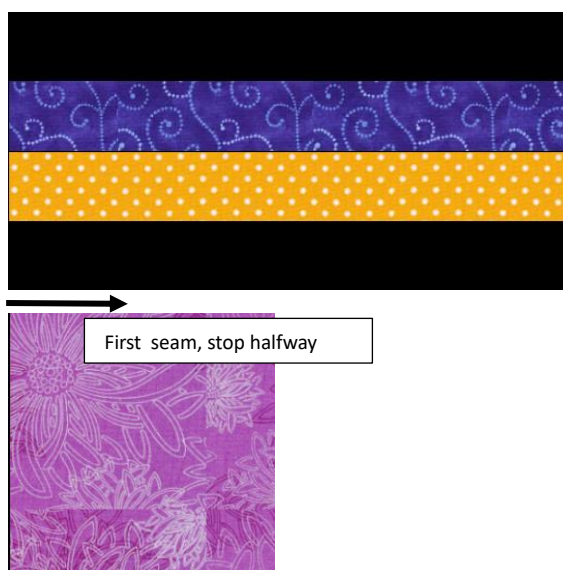
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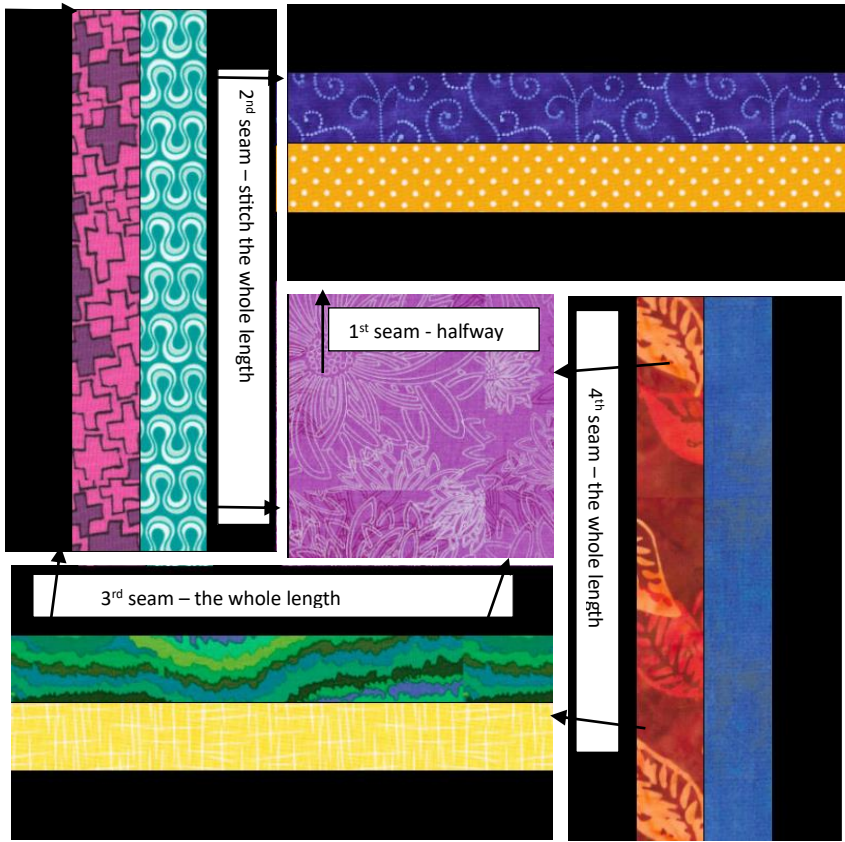
if you only have smaller pieces, cut a total of 8 strips that are $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$

Cut a total of 8 strips of various bright colours that are $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$. Piece 4 stratas in this way, black strips on the outside and your choice of colours (2 of each) on the inside:



Now we're going to place and sew the stratas around the centre square. The first seam is a 'partial' seam and will be finished in the last step. Start at the edge and sew $\frac{1}{2}$ of the seam





Last to stitch is the last part of the 1st seam

If you need a visual, there are a number of great videos to watch on YouTube – look for: how to sew a partial seam in quilting