

# Grand Country Quilters Summer Mystery Quilt 2020

## Week #2

Oh boy! This week we can thread up our machines and start to sew! We are going to be making Four-Patch blocks. So let's get started.

### **RED FOUR-PATCH - Make 64**

Collect 14 from your Light 2" x 21" strips

And 14 from your Red 2" x 21" strips.

- Sew one light and one red strip together to make one 3 ½" x 21" strip set unit.
- Press to the red.
- Place this unit on a cutting mat and cut into 2" pieces...making "two-patch" units 2" x 3 ½"
- Each strip section makes 10 "two-patches"



REPEAT these steps for all 14 units. You will have 140 "two-patch" units.

- Sew two of the "two-patches" together to form the "Four-Patch" blocks.
- Pop the seam when you press – just follow the steps at the bottom of the instructions (this is not required – but it helps to distribute the bulky seam...and your Long Arm Quilter will thank you!)
- Trim to 3 ½" x 3 ½"
- Make 64



### **GREEN FOUR-PATCH- Make 12**

Collect 3 from your Light 2" x 21" strips

And 3 from your Green 2" x 21" strips.

- Sew one light and one green strip together to make one 3 ½" x 21" strip set unit.
- Press to the green.
- Place this unit on a cutting mat -cut into 2" pieces making "two-patch" units 2" x 3 ½"
- Each strip section makes 10 "two-patches"
- REPEAT these steps for all 3 units. You will have 30 "two-patch" units.
- Sew two of the "two-patches" together to form the "Four-Patch" blocks.
- Trim to 3 ½" x 3 ½"
- Make 12

## Steps for POPPING the seams

- Looking at the back of your block...are the “sewn down” seams going in a **Clock-wise** or **Counter Clock-wise** direction? You will push the “new” seams in that direction.
- Trim away any sewing threads from where the seams intersect ...never cut into the seam – you will get holes in your quilt.
- Place your thumbs on the “new” seams close to the center and “Twist”
- Voila – you have popped the seam.
- Press the seams in a “Clock-wise” or “Counter Clock-wise” direction.



You did it! I knew you could. Kind of relaxing...unless you spend 20 minutes stressing over which “two-patch” blocks to put together! Repeat after me...“It just doesn’t matter”. Don’t you feel better now?

Stay safe – Stay home and sew!

See you next Saturday!

Enjoy! Karen Wittmeyer

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