

## Four Patches: Two from Two Technique © Mary Ellen Cannon

When you need a large number of four patches, the way to go is usually to make strip sets. However when only a small number of four patches is needed, you may find this technique will suit you better.

This method will produce two identical four patches from two squares of fabric.

1. Cut one square of your light fabric and one square of your dark fabric, each 1 inch larger than you want your finished four patches to be. For example, if you want the finished size of your four patches to be 6", cut two squares of fabric-each 7" square.
2. Place the two squares right sides together and stitch two parallel edges with a ¼" seam.
3. Cut the sewn squares apart with a cut parallel to the seams, halfway between them.
4. Press the seams to the dark fabric.
5. Rotate one of the stitched squares and place it right sides together with the other square so the light fabric is against the dark, the dark is against the light and the seams are nesting together.
6. Stitch the two opposite edges together with a ¼" seam, so that the new seams are perpendicular to the first seams.
7. Once again cut the sewn piece in half, with the cut parallel to the newest seam.
8. Open up the two pieces-Voila! 2 four patches!!
9. Press the seams to one side or open, determined by the blocks position in the finished piece.

