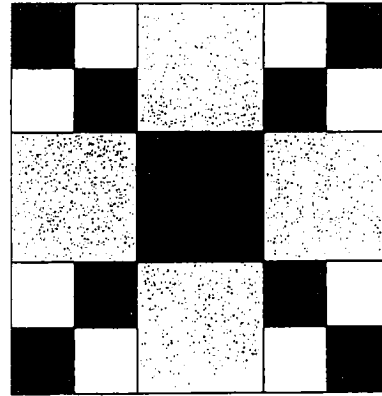


Block of the Month
 (from Virginia H.)
 THRIFTY
 12-1/2" unfinished



Fabric amounts:

Dark #1 6" x 22"

Medium #1 5-1/2" x 22"

Light 6" x 11"

Cutting instructions:

Dark #1 cut (1) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square for center
 cut (2) 5" x 5" squares for 4-patch blocks

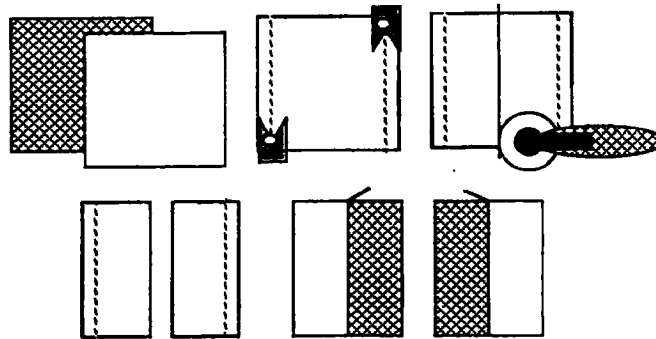
Medium #1 cut (4) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" squares

Light cut (2) 5" x 5" squares for 4-patch blocks

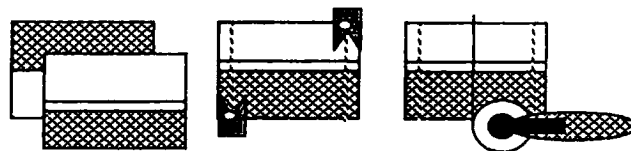
Sewing instructions: all seams are 1/4".

Sewing the 4-patch units

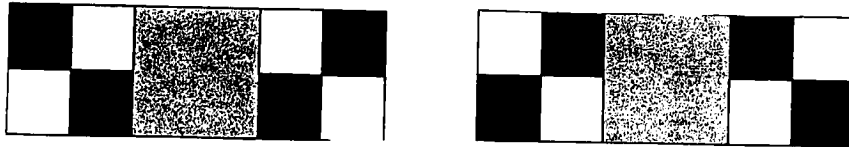
Step 1. Using the 5" squares, pair a light and a dark #1 with right sides together. Sew side seams only. Cut sewn squares in half at 2-1/2" in from cut edge. Press to the dark fabric. See diagram.



Step 2. Pair the sewn units right sides together reversing the values so that light touches dark and dark touches light. Sew the side seams. Cut the sewn units in half 2-1/2" in from the cut edge. You now have sewn the 2 - two patch units in to a 4 patch. Press. Repeat step 1 and step 2 to make 2 more 4-patch units for a total of 4. See diagram.



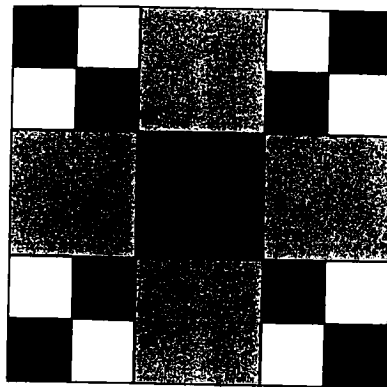
Step 3. Sew 2-4 patch units to both sides of a medium #1 (4-1/2" x 4-1/2") square. Making sure the 4-patch units are in the right position. Press towards the medium square. See diagram. Make 2 of these.



Step 4. Sew 2 medium #1 (4-1/2" x 4-1/2") squares to both sides of the dark #1 (4-1/2" x 4-1/2") square and press to the medium squares. See diagram.



Step 5. Sew the 2 units from step 3 to the unit from step 4 to complete your block.



The technique used to make the 4-patch units came from QUICK QUILT TRICKS by Billie Lauder.