

X's and O's

Kathryn Greenwold Quilts

Part 2

Cutting:

Cut your paired strips into 2 ½" x 4 ½" units.
See Fig. 2. You should get 16 units from each strip set.



Fig. 2

NOTE: I have intentionally had you make one extra strip set to allow for errors in cutting or later decisions to use only some of your units based on color and design needs. You will have about 256 units with 16 strips sets. You will need only 240 of these units.

Construction:

Sew these units together to create 128 4-Patch blocks. Take care to position the units to balance for color, light and dark, and vibrancy. See Fig. 3. When sewing these units, "snug" the seams carefully where they join to get a good intersection at the center of each 4-Patch. Press to one side.

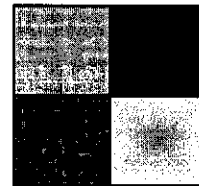


Fig. 3

As noted above, you will have more 4-Patch units than you will eventually need, but go ahead and make them all (128). In future months this will give you some design flexibility. You can use the remaining units in your back, or for some placemats or a table runner when the quilt is complete.

Press and square your units carefully. Each should be 4 ½" x 4 ½". Put these units in a ziptop bag to store them for use in the next couple of months.