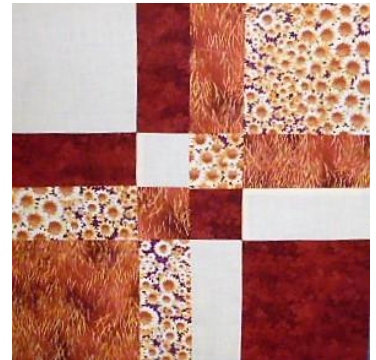


Disappearing Four Patch**Block basics:**

- This another easy block where you make a simple block then cut it up and rearrange the pieces.
- Finished block size is 9 1/2" square. (This is the size when you turn it in, before it is sewn into a quilt.)
- Use whichever neutral thread color makes the most sense.
- All seams are scant 1/4" seams unless otherwise indicated.

**Choose your fabric:**

You need four fabrics for this block. All fabrics should be southwest colors: brown, cream, rust, green, orange, turquoise, etc. You need one dark fabric, one light fabric, and two medium fabrics. Each fabric will be next to each of the others when finished, so make sure none of them clash.

Cut the following fabric pieces:

One 5 1/2 inch square of each fabric. SWAP squares are 6" and perfect for this block.

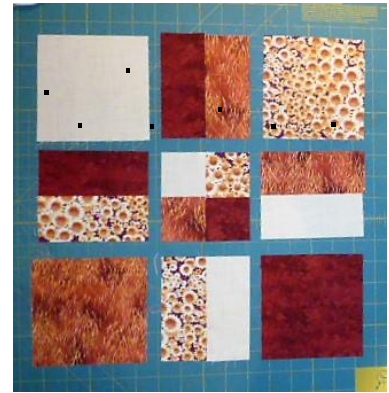
Construct the block:

Sew a four-patch block. The dark and light fabrics should be diagonal to each other, with the medium fabrics diagonal to each other. Press to one side.

Make four cuts, two vertical cuts and two horizontal cuts 3 1/4" from the outside edges.

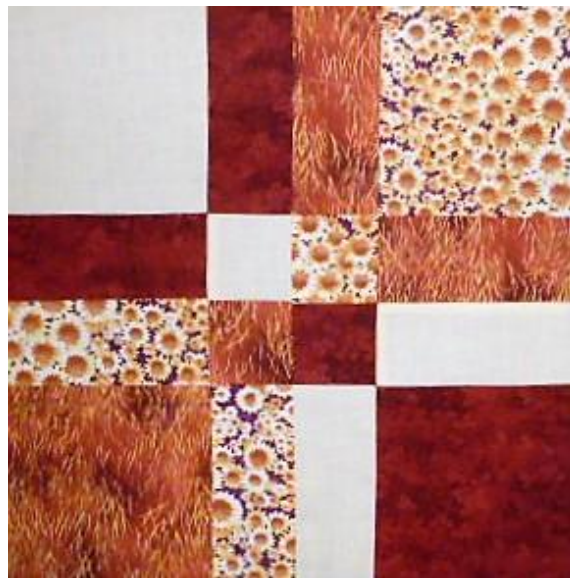


Rotate the center four-patch 180 degrees. Swap the corner squares diagonally. It should look like this



You will need to change the pressing direction of some of the segments, so they will nest together. Stitch each row. Press the top and bottom rows to the right, and the middle row to the left. Then sew the rows together. Press toward the bottom.

Here is the final block.



Bring your finished blocks to the guild meeting November 10th to participate in the drawing.

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