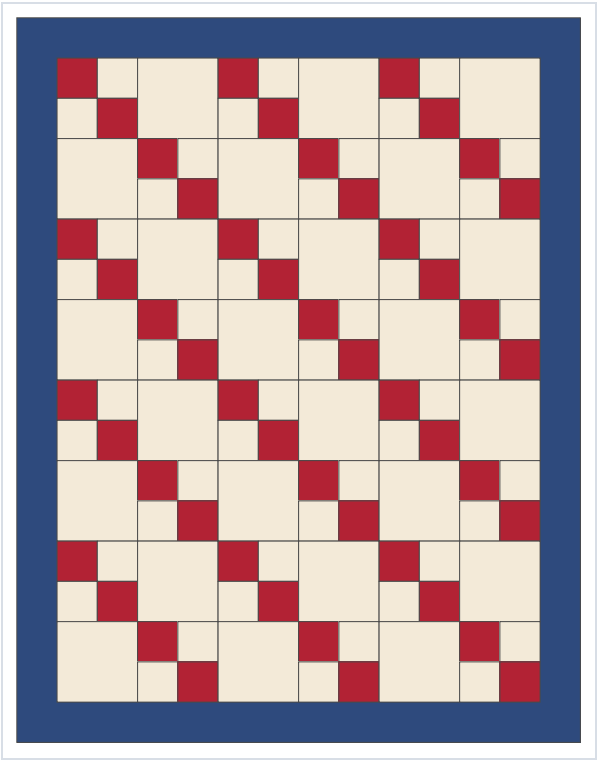
Four-patch throw

Finished size: 56 x 72 in **Level:** Beginner **Seams to sew:** 129



Red and cream four-patch blocks alternating with plain cream blocks. The four-patches line up on the diagonal across the quilt.

What it teaches: Making a simple block and keeping all the blocks the same size.

Fabric requirements

Fabric	Used for	Amount
Red	four-patch squares	7/8 yd
Cream	four-patch squares, plain blocks	2 1/4 yd
Border and binding	border, binding	1 1/2 yd
Backing	two panels, 80 in long	4 1/2 yd
Batting	at least 64 x 80 in	one piece

All cutting sizes include a 1/4 in seam allowance. Yardage assumes 40 in of usable fabric width and adds 2 in per fabric for straightening the first cut. Each amount is rounded up to the next 1/8 yd. Backing and batting are 4 in larger than the top on every side.

Cutting

Red

- Cut 6 strips 4 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 48 four-patch squares, 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 in (8 per strip).

Cream

- Cut 6 strips 4 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 48 four-patch squares, 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 in (8 per strip).
- Cut 6 strips 8 1/2 in wide across the width. From them cut 24 plain blocks, 8 1/2 x 8 1/2 in (4 per strip).

Border and binding

- Cut 7 strips 4 1/2 in wide across the width for the border.
- Cut 8 strips 2 1/2 in wide across the width for the binding.

Sewing the top

1. Sew each red square to a cream square: 48 pairs. Press toward the red.

2. Sew two pairs together, turning one so red sits opposite red, to make 24 four-patch blocks. Each should measure 8 1/2 in square.
3. Lay out 8 rows of 6 blocks, alternating four-patch and plain. Start the odd-numbered rows with a four-patch and the even-numbered rows with a plain block.
4. Sew the blocks in each row together, pressing toward the plain blocks. Join the rows. The center should measure 48 1/2 x 64 1/2 in.
5. Join the 7 border strips end to end with straight seams and press the seams open. Measure the center from top to bottom through the middle; it should be 64 1/2 in. Cut two border pieces that long and sew them to the sides. Measure across the middle, borders included; it should be 56 1/2 in. Cut two pieces that long and sew them to the top and bottom. The top should measure 56 1/2 x 72 1/2 in.

Finishing

1. Cut the backing into two pieces 80 in long (each the full width of the fabric). Sew them together along the 80 in sides with a 1/4 in seam. That makes a backing at least 64 x 80 in. With 108 in wide backing, 1 7/8 yd is enough, in one piece.
2. Cut the batting at least 64 x 80 in. Lay the backing right side down, then the batting, then the top. Baste and quilt.
3. Trim the batting and backing even with the top. Join the 8 binding strips with diagonal seams, press the binding in half lengthwise and sew it on. You need about 268 in of binding.

> We worked out these sizes from the cutting list and have not sewn this quilt. Make one row or block first and measure it against the size given in the steps before you cut everything. More free beginner patterns: wtcquilt.com/quilting/easy-quilt-patterns-for-beginners.html