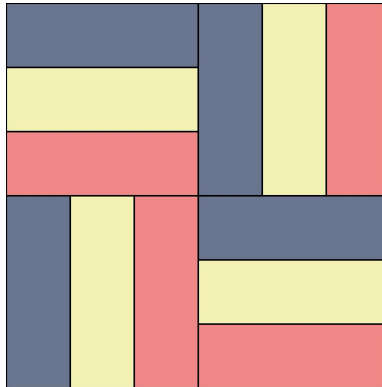


INTERLOCKED SQUARES

12 ½" unfinished (12" finished)



Cutting:

- 1– 2½" strip dark fabric, at least 30" long
- 1– 2½" strip medium fabric, at least 30" long
- 1– 2½" strip light fabric, at least 30" long

Sew all seams with a ¼" seam allowance.

1. Sew dark strip onto light strip along the long edge. Press towards the dark fabric.
2. Sew the medium strip onto the opposite long edge of the light strip. Press towards the medium fabric.
3. Square off one short 6½" edge of the strip set. Cut into four (4) 6½" squares. (It helps to align the ruler lines on the seams to keep the units square as you cut them.)
4. Rotate the squares and sew them together into pairs as shown in the diagram. Sew the pairs together to form a 12½" unfinished block.

If you don't want to make a strip set you can cut the following pieces:

4 – 2½" X 6½" rectangles of each of the three fabrics.

Lay the rectangles out to resemble the finished block and sew the pieces together. It may take a little more time, but no one will know the difference in the finished block.

Comments: Strip piecing can make shorter work of making a lot of 4- and 9-patch blocks.

Press gently to avoid distorting seams.

Foreshadowing – you'll see this technique used again in a later block.