

Mandy's November Block

Print this block out 4 times. The outer square is the outermost edge of the block, and the inner square is the seam line.

The only line I care about sewing accurately is between section 1 and section 2. Everything Else can be Improv.

Prepping Section 1: For two of the center strips, use red, for two of the center strips, use blue. I like to use a glue stick dot on each end to hold the fabric in place. Place fabric on side of paper that is unprinted, and make sure the right side is facing out. Turn paper so that printed lines are facing up. Using a straight edge, fold along one of the lines between section 1 and section 2. Using an add-a-quarter ruler or a gridded ruler, trim your fabric to ¼" past that fold line. This is your seam allowance and will also help you line up the fabric for sections 2.

Prepping for Sections 2: for each section 2, you can do whatever you want. You may want to improv-piece a chunk of made-fabric and attach it, you may want to use a single piece (on the original quilt it was just a single piece of big stripes), whatever you want is fine by me.

Sewing Sections 2 to Sections 1: Place your fabric for one of your sections so that the right side is against the right side of Section 1. Check to make sure you have adequate coverage of the Section 2 area before you sew. YOU may want to trim the edge at this point (or not, your call!), and then open up the paper and sew along the line that divides sections 1 and 2. Open up your just-sewn area and press towards section two.

Repeat for other side.

Sewing Section 3 to Section 2: I would like section 3 (the "hatchy-looking") space to be a single piece of fabric, but attach it at whatever angle you want, and it will eventually make a wonky square in the middle when I join them all together.

Using the same method as above, fold the corner of section 3 to the angle you'd like. Trim using a ¼". Sew Section 3 fabric following same directions above.

Ta-daaaa! All done!