

Definition: To "fussy cut" is to target and cut a specific motif that's printed on fabric, rather than randomly cutting yardage as we normally do.

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Challenge: Find a piece of fabric that is perfect to "fussy cut"—one that has a special motif such as a flower, animal, sun, moon, etc., begging to be pieced in a prominent position and admired in its place of honor. The block that we've selected to practice "fussy cutting" is a very simple block called "Scol's Plaid" from Judy Hopkins' Once More Around the Block.

Fabric Requirement & Cutting Instructions

Fabric A (Fabric with "fussy cutting" motif)

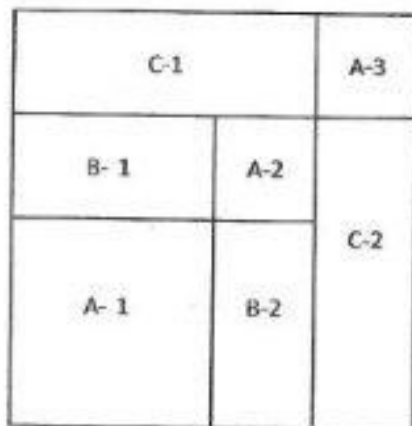
Fussy Cut one 5" Square (A-1) and two 2-3/4" squares (A-2 & A-3)

Fabric B (Coordinating fabric in dominant value)

Cut two 2-3/4" x 5" rectangles (B-1 & B-2)

Fabric C (Coordinating fabric of lighter value than Fabric B)

Cut two 2-3/4" x 7-1/4" rectangles (C-1 & C-2)



Sewing Instructions

Using diagram of block for guidance—

- 1) Sew B-1 & A-2 together (press toward A)
- 2) Sew A-1 & B-2 together (press toward A)
- 3) Join these two units creating four-patch
- 4) Sew C-2 to side of four-patch (press toward C-2)
- 5) Sew C-1 & A-3 together (press toward C-1)
- 6) Attach to already completed portion
- 7) You'll have a 9-1/2" block, which will be 9" in finished quilt.

Something to think about: If the block isn't one you'd want to win but still want the fun of making it, you can submit it without turning in your name or turning in the name of a friend who you know really wants to win them. Cindy & Lise

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