

Random Strip Piecing

Note: In the following pages of instructions on techniques I have used Imperial measurements only (inches), because most quilters use tools marked in inches.

If you wish to use metric measurements, multiply the inches by 2.54, then round up or down to the nearest 0.25cm. Your measurements will then fit the markings on the metric rulers, which are in 0.25cm divisions.



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



There are various methods of strip piecing that enable you to introduce small pieces of fabric into a composition without the need to cut and handle each tiny piece individually.

The first method is a form of random strip piecing, which can be cross cut and inserted as sections.

1. Cut between four to six squares of fabric in different colours. Four-inch squares will make a piece of strip section big enough to be used in Postcard quilts. Stack the squares one on top of the other in a pile and press.

2. Using the rotary cutting set, cut through all layers into strips of $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in wide, or as preferred. Include some wider pieces if preferred. Separate the strips and rearrange the colours. Stitch them together using a very narrow seam allowance (about $\frac{1}{8}$ in) and a smaller stitch than for regular sewing. If the seams become a bit wobbly and distorted this will not matter. Press the seams on the back and again on the right side making sure there are no little pleats.

3. Cross cut the strip section into pieces of the desired size for your Postcard quilt. They can be added to other patches using a straight or curved seam.