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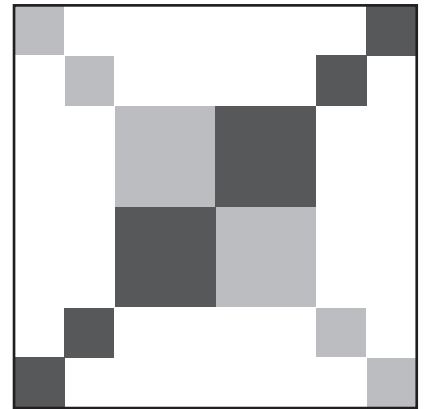
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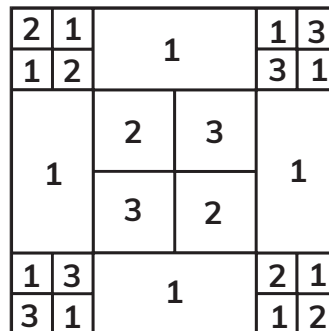
Alternating Chain Block: The Middle Bit

It may not be the star of the show, but **The Middle Bit Block** is the quiet rhythm that holds our Patchwork Palooza quilt together. You'll need 21 of these, tucked between each of the 21 feature blocks, so the best way to accomplish this is to use a strip-piecing method as below.



Make (21).

From Fabric 1, cut:
 (6) 1 ½" x WOF strips
 (10) 2 ½" x WOF strips
From Fabric 2, cut:
 (3) 1 ½" x WOF strips
 (3) 2 ½" x WOF strips
From Fabric 3, cut:
 (3) 1 ½" x WOF strips
 (3) 2 ½" x WOF strips



Makower Linen Texture Colors

Fabric 1: BG Osnaburg or Storm S4
 Fabric 2: Coral P23
 Fabric 3: Machiko Orange P25

Making the Block

1. Begin by **reducing the stitch length on your machine to 1.6-1.8.**
2. Gather all **Fabrics 2 and 3** - 2 ½" x WOF strips. Pair each **Fabric 2** strip with a **Fabric 3** strip RST, and sew together lengthwise.



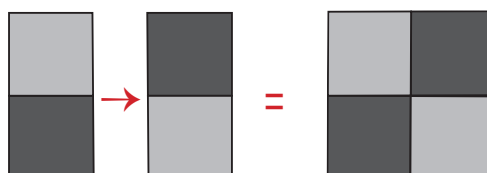
3. Press toward the darker fabric and create (3) two-piece strip sets.



4. Cut strip units into multiple 2 ½" x 4 ½" two-patch units, as shown, creating a total of (42) two-patch units.



5. Pair each of the Step 4 units with a partner to form a center unit.



**Make (1) - 4 ½" x 4 ½"
 unit per block
 (21 total)**

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Making the Block (Alternating Chain Block, cont.)

6. Gather (3) **Fabric 1** and (3) **Fabric 2** - 1 ½" x WOF strips. Pair each **Fabric 1** strip with a **Fabric 2** strip RST, and sew together lengthwise.



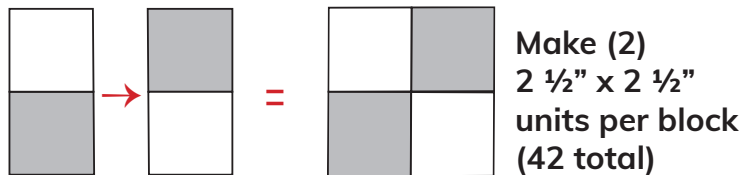
7. Press toward the darker fabric and create (3) two-piece strip sets.



8. Cut strip units into multiple 1 ½" x 2 ½" two-patch units, as shown, creating a total of (84) two -patch units.



9. Pair each of the **Step 8** units with a partner to form a corner unit.



10. Gather (3) **Fabric 1** and (3) **Fabric 3** - 1 ½" strips. Pair each **Fabric 1** strip with a **Fabric 2** strip RST, and sew together lengthwise.



11. Press toward the darker fabric and create (3) two-piece strip sets.



12. Cut strip units into multiple two-patch units, as shown, creating a total of (84) two-patch units.



13. Pair each of the Step 12 units with a partner to form a center unit.



14. Gather all **Fabric 1** - 2 ½" strips and cut into (84) 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles.



Cut (84)

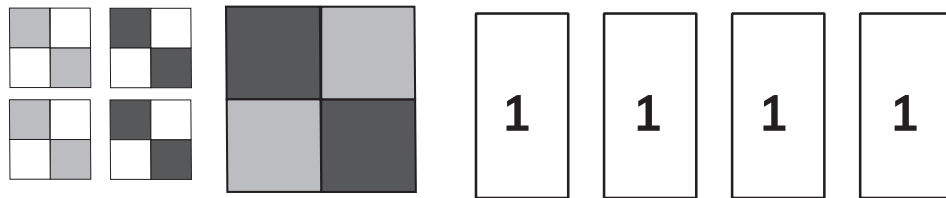
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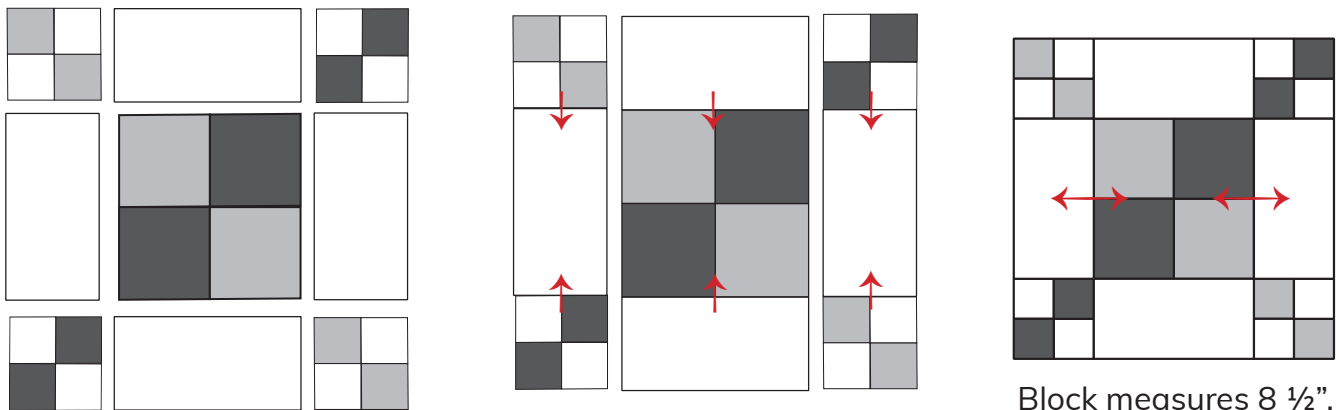
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Making the Block (Alternating Chain Block, cont.)

15. Gather all units from **Steps 1 through 14** and group as below.



16. Arrange and join in three verticle rows, then join the rows together.



Block measures 8 ½".
Make (21).

If you prefer to make your Middle Bit blocks by piecing them one unit at a time (ideal for hand-piecing or a scrappier variety approach), below you'll find the individual unit sizes to cut. You can then simply piece them into four patch units, then rows, and continue to follow the remaining instructions indicated to complete block assembly.

