

# Easy Four Patch Baby Quilt Pattern

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This quick and easy baby quilt measures approximately 36"x44" and is ideal for a beginner quilter. You can use Jelly Roll strips, yardage or scrap fabric from your stash. The tutorial also shows you how to work the optional naive style hand quilting around the white squares.

## **Requirements**

13 ready cut Jelly Roll strips or 13 strips 2 ½" x width of fabric (42") in at least 4 different designs.

¾yd (0.7metre) solid white fabric

1 ½ yards (1.4metres) backing fabric

Batting (wadding) measuring at least 42"x50" (107x127cm)

½ yard of binding fabric (this is quite generous – the exact amount you need is 12 ½" x 42")

1 ball of Perle cotton No 8 for hand quilting

### Instructions

Cut each of the jelly roll strips in half so that you have 26 2 ½"x21" strips.  
Sew the strips together in twos



From each double strip sub-cut 8 2 ½" wide strips.



Sew these together in pairs, aiming to put the darker fabric in each strip at opposite ends if possible.





Cut 49 4 ½" squares from the solid white fabric.



Lay the squares out in a 9 x 11 grid alternating 4 patch blocks with solid white blocks. If you have used a Jelly Roll and have multiple colours in your patches, swap and re-arrange blocks until you are happy with the placement.

I always do this on an old sheet so that I can roll it up when I finish sewing for the day, and each block will stay in its place until I come back to it.



Sew the first row of blocks into one long strip. Press the seams towards the darker fabric.



Sew the rows together. You need to ensure that the seams align – the seam allowances should butt together. Pin at the seams and only remove the pin at the last moment when sewing so that the seams stay well aligned.



When you have sewn the whole 9 x 11 grid together, your quilt top is complete. Your backing fabric and wadding should be at least 3" larger than the quilt top in all directions.

Make a sandwich with the quilt back on the bottom, the wadding in the middle and the quilt top uppermost. Baste with pins at regular intervals or use a spray baste if you prefer.



The next job is to quilt the top. You will probably have your own idea as to how you want this quilted.

I have machine quilted a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the seam line of the four patches, and hand quilted around the solid white patches.

If you also want to hand quilt you can use the following instructions.

### **Hand Quilting**

Cut a length of Perle cotton. I found I could quilt round one white square with about a 27" length of cotton.

Tie a knot in one end.



Insert your needle into the back of the quilt a little way away from where you want to start, ensuring that it passes through the wadding.



Pull the thread through, giving a little tug when the knot reaches the fabric, so that the knot embeds itself in the wadding.



Take the needle up to the top side of the quilt, and work running stitches through all the layers. I find my rows are straighter if I work two or three stitches at a time.



When you get back to the start point, take your needle back down to the underside. I like to work one backstitch here – but I'm a belt and braces type person, it's not strictly necessary! Make a knot in the thread.



Take your needle from the same point where it last came up to a place far enough away that the knot will embed itself in the wadding as it goes through.



Cut the thread.



All that is left to do now is to bind your quilt.  
There is a separate tutorial available for this on my blog:  
<http://mackandmabel.blogspot.co.uk/2012/06/quilt-binding-tutorial.html>