

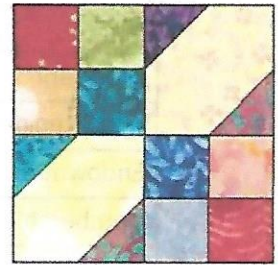


# Pattern of the Month - August 2014

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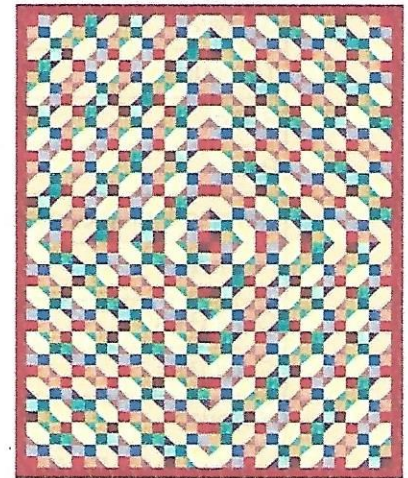
## Fly Away Four Patch - a scrap saver's block

You only need to cut two sizes of squares to make this easy 8" block. It's really just a big Four Patch, that has smaller Four Patches in two corners and Fly Away "wings" in the other two corners. Gather up some pretty scraps --these blocks go together quickly-- and you'll soon have enough for a quilt like the one shown below!



There are many different ways you could decide to color the blocks, depending on what's in your scrap pile. (My Four Patches have two darks and two mediums; and for my Fly Away units, I chose lights for the background and darks for the corners, because I think that looks more like wings.) Make a sample block or two with your scraps and see what works best, then keep the lights and darks in those same positions for all the blocks. When you go to arrange them later, the light and dark areas are what allow you to make designs with your layout.

-- The quilt example at right is ~68" x 84", with 80 blocks.  
See how the lights form a diamond design (and the darks, X's) when the blocks are rotated differently in each quarter of the quilt. Each scrappy quilt will be unique, of course, but if you pay attention to the placement of the lights and darks it will pay off.

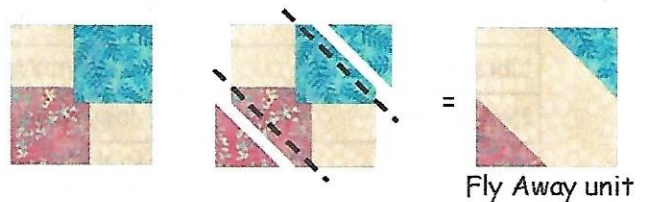


For each Block, cut:

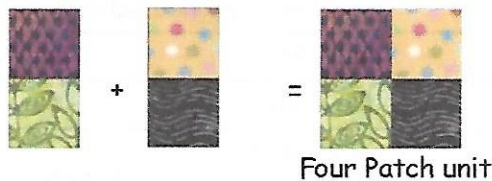
- 2 assorted Light  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- 4 assorted Medium  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- 8 assorted Dark  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Make 2 Fly Away units: Place  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Dark squares on top of 2 opposite corners of each  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Light square, right sides together, with edges aligned. Stitch diagonally across dark squares. Trim off corners leaving  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Unfold triangles and press seams toward corners.



Make 2 Four Patch units, using the remaining Dark and Medium  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares as shown:



Combining assorted colors, arrange two Four Patch units and two Fly Away units so "wings" go diagonally across the block one way, as shown, and Dark squares go diagonally across the other way. Sew together to make the block.



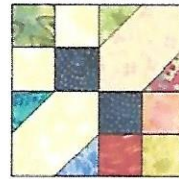
# Supplement to August 2014 Pattern of the Month

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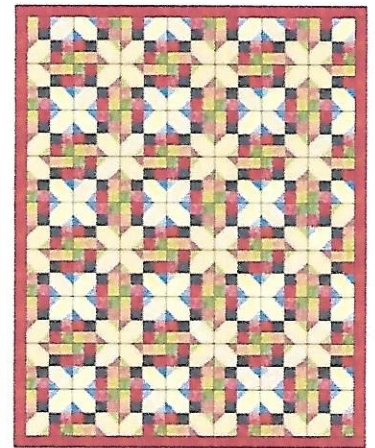
## Fly Away Four Patch Variations

- Look what happens by varying colors, layouts, and the positions of light, medium and dark!

Two distinctly darker squares in the middle of scrappy block, and blocks arranged to form X's →

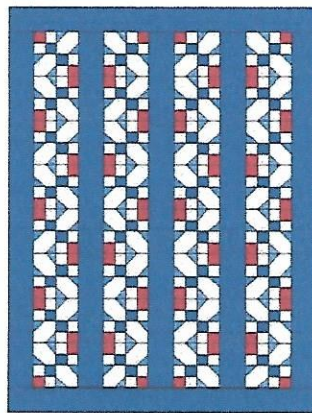
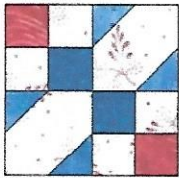


8" block



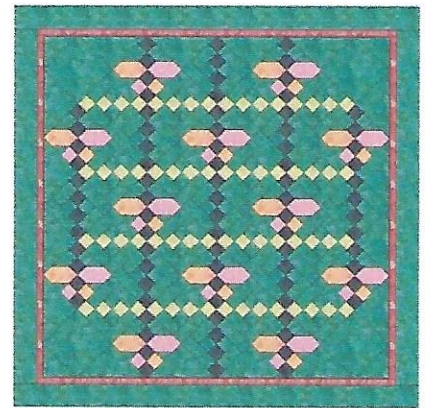
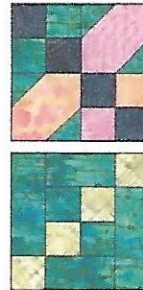
63 blocks, 60" x 76"

Symmetrically colored blocks in a strippy setting →



~54" x 73", 8 blocks per row (4 1/2" sashing & borders)

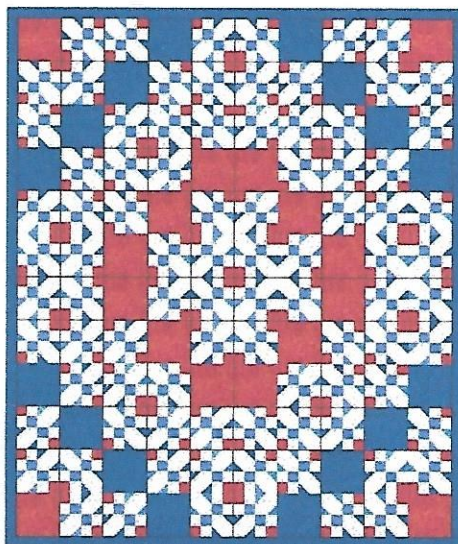
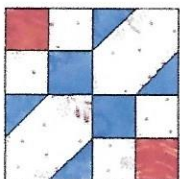
Colored like butterflies, and alternated with chain blocks, set on point →



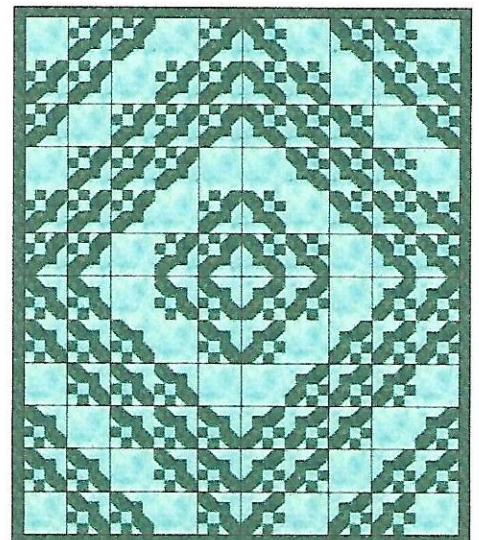
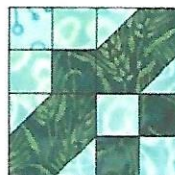
~65" x 65"

Medallion arrangements can be made with the addition of plain blocks:

84" x 100" with 2" borders



Different rotations, just two colors, and note that "wings" are now dark ↓



--Yes, these are all the same basic **Fly Away Four Patch** blocks! (see POM Aug. 2014 for directions)