

# Aligning the Stars

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Clue 1

Let's get some 4-patch units out of the way. Please make sure your seam allowance is 1/4" and you're cutting accurately. These four-patch units need to measure 4-1/2" today, please trim down or move your seam allowance to be accurate... I know this is not my normal "no rules" approach, but we will be building on each unit we create, so we need to be accurate for everything to fit properly.

We will be using our LIGHT and MEDIUM for this exercise!! Let's get cutting:

	Lap	Twin	Queen/King
LIGHT 2-1/2" strips	2	3	6
MEDIUM 2-1/2" strips	2	3	6
TOTAL 4-patch units	16	24	48

Let's take those 2-1/2" strips and pair them up to make some strip sets. Once these strip sets are sewn, we will stack and cut to 2-1/2" (x 4-1/2") units to be sewn together to get our completed 4-1/2" four-patch for today. That's an easy one!



Breaking that down, first we will cut our strips and make strip sets. Once we have our strip sets sewn together, we will take them to the ironing board and press toward the darker of the two fabrics. I love my wool pressing mats! I love how flat things can be pressed. Stack with opposites touching, cut at 2-1/2", sew, press.



After the four patches are complete, they will measure 4-1/2". It is important they are close because we will be adding to these units in a further clue. I also pin-wheeled the seam to make it very flat and help keep the unit from being "wonky".

Now, let's cut some triangles and we will be finished for today. ALL sizes need four of these triangles.

<i>ALL SIZES</i>	
<i>LIGHT 12-1/8" strip</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>-cut to 12-1/8" squares</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>-cut on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>4</i>