

Strips: Fabrics cut of various widths and then sewn together and cut apart again to sew again. Using strips sewn together and then sub cutting into smaller segments is a faster way to complete the blocks.

Straight set: The blocks are set on the square.

Spray starch: Commercial product used to put sizing back into a fabric. Used after block is made to help "block" the patchwork

Squares: A square - four even sides. A quilt squares are usually in multiples of 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, or 12". Most common size is 12" finished. All quilt squares (blocks) are 1/2" larger than the finished size, because seam allowances of 1/4" per side must be added.

Templates: A pattern made from a durable material that you can trace around many times. Templates are used in complicated piecing that cannot be accomplished with strip piecing

Template plastic: Plastic sheets that can be drawn on and cut with a scissors into block pieces. Can be ironed on and will not melt.

Triangle squares: A square that is composed of two triangles of different colors or shade. Sometimes called a half square triangle.

Tying: A form of anchoring the top, batting, and back together. Can be done with a yarn needle and heavy thread or yarn and tied in a square knot. Or can be done on the sewing machine using a single decorative stitch. Should be no more than 6" apart.

Watercolor: A form of arranging colors in squares that blend and seem like water colors.