

Woven Ribbons using 2 1/2" strips.

When I first ran across this block Woven Ribbons over at QuiltersCache.com, I immediately fell in love with it and knew I wanted to make it sometime. But I love using pre-cut strips, so I took the original pattern/tutorial and modified it to use 2 1/2" pre-cut strips. And I love it even more now.

This tutorial will make an 8" finished block (8 1/2" raw block).

You will need 4 colors and white - because I am writing this tutorial for the "We BEE Learning" Flickr.com group, I am going to call out the colors and pattern that I want created for my block.

Fabric Requirements:

- 1 - 10" strip of white, cut into 4 - 2 1/2" squares
- 1 - 7" strip of 4 colors: Pink, Blue, Green and Yellow (I cut my strips 1/8 inch longer to allow a little extra for trimming)
- From each color strip cut 1 - 2 1/2" square, leaving a 4 1/2" rectangle



Attach a white 2 1/2" square to a 2 1/2" color square - if you are using a pattern that you want to align with the 4 1/2" rectangle of the same color, make sure to mark which side should be attached to the white square. Place back where it belongs in your layout.



Layout the 4 1/2" strips so that they are touching in the center corner - like a windmill. layout a white square and a color square next to the 4 1/2" rectangle. The color square should match the color that is on the other side of the 4 1/2" rectangle - creating the weave.



Attach the unit made with the 2 1/2" square to the rectangle next to it - In the picture shown:

white/pink is sewn to the yellow
white/yellow is sewn to the blue
white/blue is sewn to the green
white/green is sewn to the pink

You will have 4 - 4 1/2" squares.



Next take the square with the large yellow strip and sew that to the square with the large Pink strip - make sure you are sewing the large Yellow strip to the Green/Pink side of that block.

Take the square with the large blue strip and sew that to the square with the large green strip, make sure to connect the large Blue strip to the Yellow/Blue side of that block.



Next, take the two halves, match up the center seams and sew together.

Square up and you should have a 8 1/2" block.



Using the 2 1/2" strips to do this block you can get 6 blocks out of 1 strip each of 4 colors, you will need 1 1/2 strips of white though to complete those blocks.