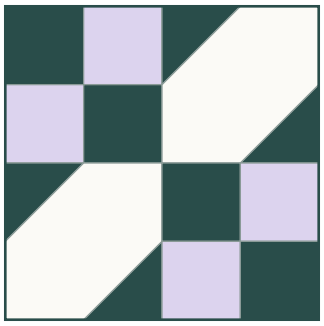
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

ARKANSAS CROSSROADS

Scrappy four-patches and a Background road.



14 pieces, 3 fabrics

Two four-patches and two road units, each road a Background square with scrap triangles on two opposite corners. On its own it is a simple block; sew four together, turned around a center, and the Background bands link up into an X of crossroads running through the scraps.

SKILL Beginner

SEAMS ¼" throughout

SIZES 6", 8", 12" and 16" finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	6"	8"	12"	16"
1 Scraps 1: cut 8 squares Four for the four-patches and four for the road units' corners. Assorted scraps work well.	2" sq	2½" sq	3½" sq	4½" sq
2 Scraps 2: cut 4 squares For the four-patches. Assorted scraps work well.	2" sq	2½" sq	3½" sq	4½" sq
3 Background: cut 2 squares The road units: a Scraps 1 square is sewn and flipped onto two opposite corners of each.	3½" sq	4½" sq	6½" sq	8½" sq

Fabric, for one block

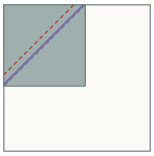
Buy at least	6"	8"	12"	16"
Scraps 1	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
Scraps 2	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
Background	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

Worked out the way QuiltPlan's shopping list does it: 42" of usable width, 15% for waste, rounded up to the quarter yard. For a whole quilt, place the block in the app and it totals every block for you.

Good to know

- Each road unit's triangle tips land exactly where the four-patch beside it has a seam. Pin there before you sew the rows, and the scrap squares line up into diagonal chains.
- Keep the scraps dark to medium and the Background clearly lighter. The roads only show where the Background stands out from everything around it.
- **Why these sizes?** At 6", 8", 12" and 16" every piece of this block lands on a ruler line. At other sizes the app still works out the cutting for you.
- **Want a different size or a whole quilt?** Arkansas Crossroads is in QuiltPlan's block library. Place it on a quilt and the app gives you the cut list, the yardage and the shopping list for every block at once.

Sewing it



right sides together;
sew a thread's width
on the corner side of the line

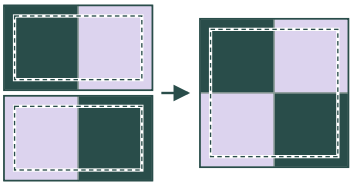
trim line, ¼" past the
stitching: not yet



one corner at a time:
sewn, checked, trimmed and
pressed before the next

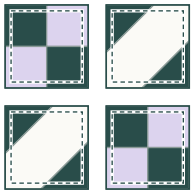
1 · Start the road units

Draw a line corner to corner on the back of four 1 squares. Lay one on a corner of a 3 square, right sides together, and sew a thread's width on the corner side of the line. Fold it back: it should cover the corner, flush with both edges, before you cut anything. Follow the Snowball Corners guide.



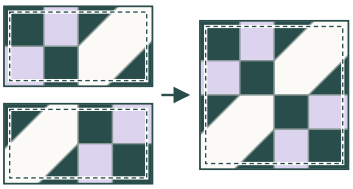
2 · Trim, press, then the other corner

Trim both layers a quarter inch past the stitching and press toward the corner with a dry iron. Sew a second square to the opposite corner the same way. Make 2. Each still measures 3½" for a 6" block, 4½" for 8", 6½" for 12" and 8½" for 16", the size the 3 square was cut.



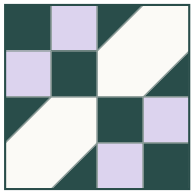
3 · Make 2 four-patches

Sew each 2 square to a 1 square and press toward the 1. Join two pairs, one turned end for end so the 1 squares sit on a diagonal and the seams face opposite ways and nest.



4 · Lay it out

Four-patches at top left and bottom right. Road units at top right and bottom left, turned with their scrap corners at top left and bottom right, so each Background band runs from bottom left to top right.



5 · Sew the rows

Sew each row, pressing toward the road unit. Before you sew, pin where the road unit's corner seam meets the four-patch's center seam, a quarter inch from the edge: the triangle tip lands there.

6 · Join the rows

The two rows' seams face opposite ways at the center and nest. Pin there and where each triangle tip meets a seam, sew, and press the long seam open. The block measures half an inch more than it will finish.

Scraps 1 Scraps 2 Background