



# HOT & SPICY

Fast and fun...make this quilt in an afternoon!

*Quilter's Delight! That's what happens when a quilt can be made without any fuss. There is not one triangle in this quilt. Just cut and sew big squares of fabric together. Voilà! You are done. Nothing could be more delightful.*



**Quiltmaker:** Taffy McLaughlin

**Technique:** Patchwork

**Block Name:** Quilter's Delight

**Block Size:** 11"

**Block Count:** 12

**Quilt Size:** 41" x 54"

*"This quilt is mostly big squares of fabric but I sneaked a few Four Patch blocks in for fun. Can you find them?"*

—Taffy McLaughlin

## Materials you will need

- Scraps of bright colored prints and solids
- Fat quarter of bright yellow fabric
- 1-1/2 yard black fabric for blocks, sashings and binding
- 1-3/4 yard backing fabric square of backing fabric and quilt batting
- Basic cutting and sewing supplies

## Getting Started

Sew with 1/4" seam allowances. Press all seams as you sew. Always sew a sample block before cutting an entire quilt.

## Cutting Directions

- (44) 5-1/2" squares of assorted bright colors
- (16) 3" squares of assorted bright colors
- (12) 1-1/2" squares of yellow for center of 4-square blocks  
(20) 2-1/2" squares for sashing intersections
- (24) 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" strips of dark print for small sashings  
(31) 2-1/2" x 11-1/2" strips for large sashings

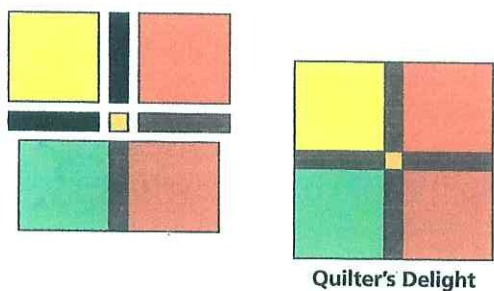
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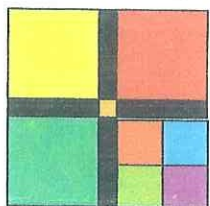
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## Sewing

**1 Blocks** Refer to the block diagram to make the blocks for the quilt. Each block has a narrow sashing that separates the 4 squares in the block. Four of the blocks have the Four Patch "surprise" added to one section. Make a total of 12 blocks.

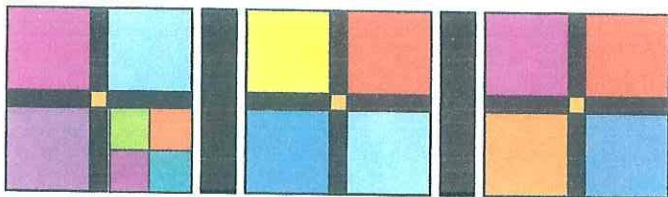


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Four Patch Variation

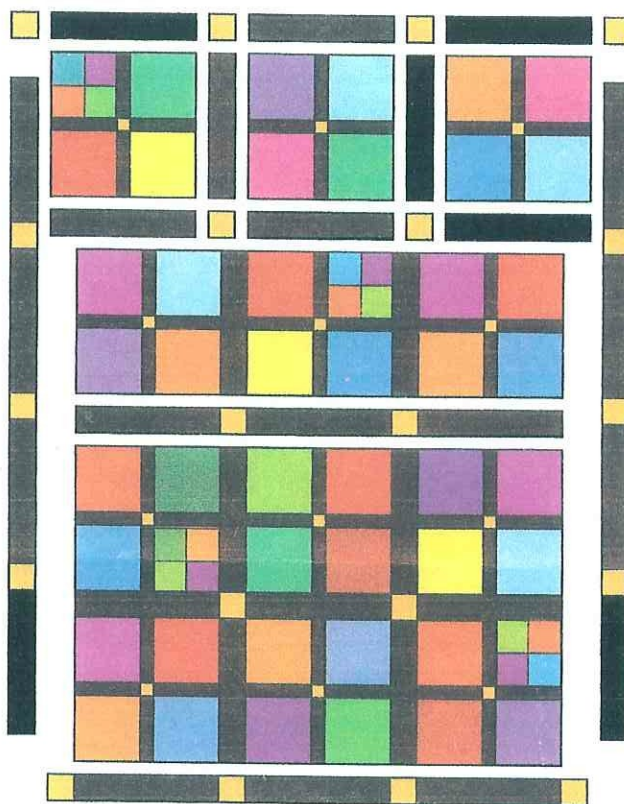
**2 Rows** The quilt is sewn together in 4 rows of 3 blocks each. The different colors of the blocks are mixed randomly. There is one surprise block in each of the 4 rows. Change the position of the Four Patch square in the rows to add interest as you sew the rows. A black sashing strip is used to separate the blocks in the rows. There are 4 sashing strips in each row; begin and end each row with a sashing strip.



**3 Sashing Rows** There are 5 rows of sashing strips that are positioned between the block rows. Each sashing row has 4 yellow sashing squares and 3 sashing strips. Sew all 5 rows.



**4 Joining rows** Sew the 5 rows of sashing strips and 4 rows of blocks together, alternating them for the quilt assembly. Begin and end with a sashing row.



## Finishing

**5 Basting** Place the quilt backing wrong side up on a flat surface. Add the batting next. Finally, place the quilt top wrong side down on top of the batting. Baste the three layers together.

**6 Quilting** Quilt the layers together. Quilt in the ditch, along the seam lines or in an all-over swirling pattern.

**7 Binding** Bind outside edges of quilt by cutting 2" wide bright blue fabric strips. Fold in half lengthwise and press on fold line. Pin and sew raw edges of binding to raw edges of top and quilt. Turn folded edge to back of quilt and stitch in place. ☉

