



Round Robin 5 – Row 3

6" x 48" (unfinished 6 1/2" x 48 1/2")

Mock Crazy Patch - Stack and Slash Method

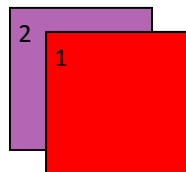


This mock crazy patch row is simple to make and fun to decorate. if you'd like, use the decorative stitches on your machine or some hand embroidery to embellish it. The 8 - 6" finished blocks are made oversized and then trimmed so that they all end up exactly the same size and easy to assemble into your row. Each block will be a wonky 9 patch. Since we're only using 8 fabrics, 1 of the fabrics will be in the block twice but will not be sewn next to itself.

Supplies needed:

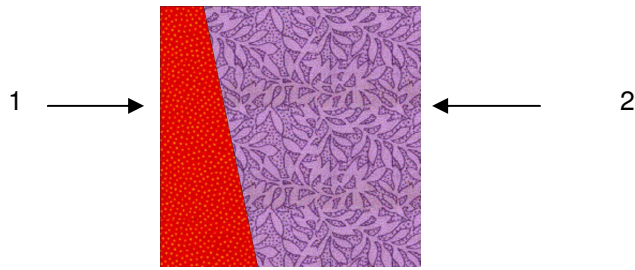
- 8 - 8" squares of fabrics
- Square up ruler that allows you to square your blocks to 6 1/2"
- Spray Starch

1. Place a number (1 - 8) in the upper and lower left corner of each square and repeat with the other two stacks. I prefer using blue painters tape for my labels. It is less tacky than most other labels and is easily removed without leaving unwanted residue.

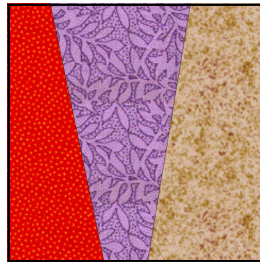


You should have a total of 8 fabrics in your stack, the example only shows 2.

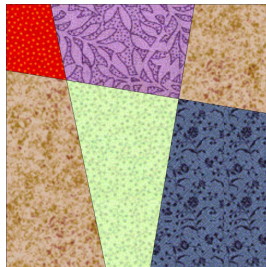
2. Neatly stack all 8 fabrics so all edges are even.
3. Pick a vertical angle to make your first cut and cut through all eight layers.
4. Keep your stacks in order and move the first fabric on the right to the bottom of the stack. Sew the two sides back together (1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4, etc.)



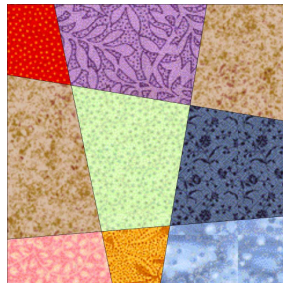
5. Press to either side and restack your blocks so that the #1 is on top.
6. Now make a second vertical cut at a different angle. Once again move the fabric on the right to the bottom of the stack. Sew back together (1, 2 to 3) (2,3 to 4) etc. Press to either side and restack with 1 on top.



7. Your next two cuts will be made horizontally across your blocks. Remember to keep #1 in the upper left corner.
8. Now make your third cut. This time take the top two fabrics from the lower half and move to the bottom of the stack. You will now be sewing (1,2,3 to 3,4,5), 2,3,4 to 4,5,6), etc. Press to either side and restack with #1 in the upper left corner.



9. Make the final and forth cut. This time take the top three fabrics from the lower portion and move to the bottom of the stack. Using this method you will end up with only one fabric repeated in the square, however, it will not be next to itself. Press to either side.



10. At this point your blocks will be anything but square, but don't worry we're going to fix that right now.
11. Prior to trimming your blocks, I recommend that you give them each a good spray of spray starch and iron them dry.
12. Using a 6 1/2" ruler, Square up each block individually. Be sure to take your time and trim all 4 sides (they're going to need it).
13. Now it's time to lay them out prior to sewing your row together. Take your time to play with the arrangement so that your fabrics are well distributed throughout. Sew, press and Ta-Dah! Your row is finished.
14. If you'd like, this row is a perfect place to play with all those decorative stitches you have on your sewing machine. You can either add them now or when you quilt your quilt top. Have some fun and.....

Enjoy,



I hope you enjoyed making this row. This method is similar to the one used in my Wacky Devine Nine pattern and my Wacky Nine Patch. I hope you take the time to visit my website www.robinquiltsetc.com. I have various free tutorials, information about my lecture and workshops as well as a variety of patterns available for sale. I try to update my Blog <http://robingallagher.blogspot.com> on a regular basis. I'd love to hear from you either via email robin@robinquiltsetc.com or with a comment on my Blog.

