

Kat Trick #4

“Convergence”



The following technique is a variation of Ricky Tim's Original Harmonic Convergence Quilt. For more information you should consult *Ricky Tim's Convergence Quilts*, published by C&T Publishing.

Kat Trick #4 is shown using my Cirque Sac pattern, and features fabric from the **Charleston III** collection, by Marcus Brothers Textiles. You can see their current selection of fabrics, at www.marcusbrothers.com.



A) Fabric— Choose 4 fabric that coordinate, but not too closely. (Personally, the final result “pops” more without perfectly matching fabric.) Begin by cutting four squares that are roughly 13”X13”. Place each face down on a towel, and spray fabric starch on the back. Now press until dry.

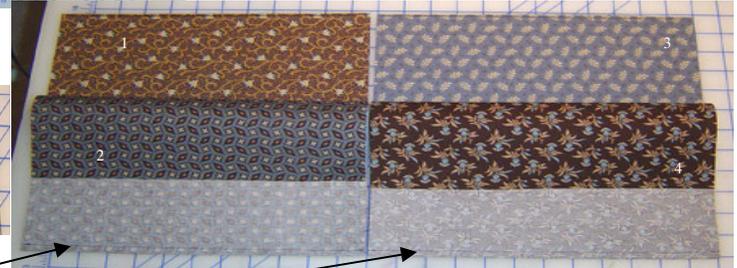


B) Now accurately cut each square down to its final 12”X12” size. Arrange the quarters side by side as shown. Arrange similar colors diagonally from each other (as shown). If you have a variety of colors, place the two darkest and two lightest diagonally from each other. If you choose a large-scale print, place it either in the bottom-left or bottom-right position. (Make sure

C) Draw an orientation line, 1/4” or less, from the top edge of Fabrics 1 & 3, with a pen or permanent marker.



D) Now create a left unit by folding Fabric 2 UP onto Fabric 1. Stitch along bottom edge of unit, 1/4” from raw edges.



Repeat step “D” with Fabrics 3 & 4, folding 4 UP onto Fabric 3.

E) **Do NOT unfold the squares.** Place the Left Unit on cutting mat. If the right side edges are not perfectly aligned, then trim them now with your roller, so that they are. Now cut strips to the following widths, 1”, 1.5”, 2.2”, 3”, and the remaining width, >4”.



F) Repeat step “F” for Right Unit. Now unfold strips and line them up so the two 1” strips are in the center, increasing in width to the outside.



The orientation line should still be at top of ALL of the strips.



G) Merge strips from the Left Unit with the strips from the Right Unit. Start by moving the 1” Left Strip between the 3” and the >4” strips on the Right Unit. Continue merging as shown in the illustration to left.

BEFORE you sew... On the back of each strip is a seam. Finger-press each seam, alternating up, then down. They'll fit much better now as you begin to sew the strips together, using a 1/4” seam. Press all of these long seams in one direction.

Confirm that the strips are all in the right order, and that the orientation lines are all at the top of the unit.