

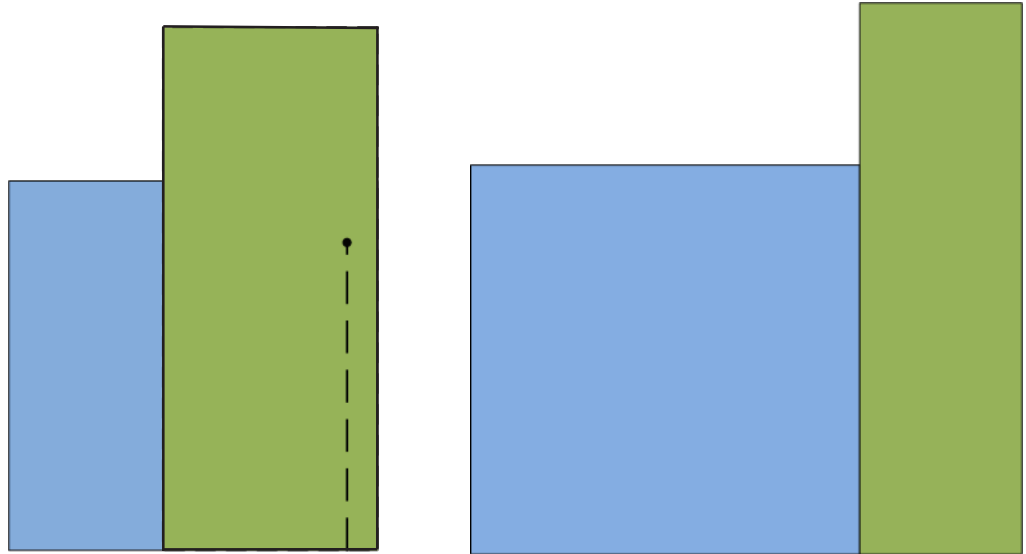
Partial Seam Tutorial

Partial seams are used to sew blocks or sections of quilts that may appear complicated or require the use of inset seams. The partial seam allows for the effect without the difficulty of inset seams. To better understand partial seams, practice constructing a Bright Hopes block.

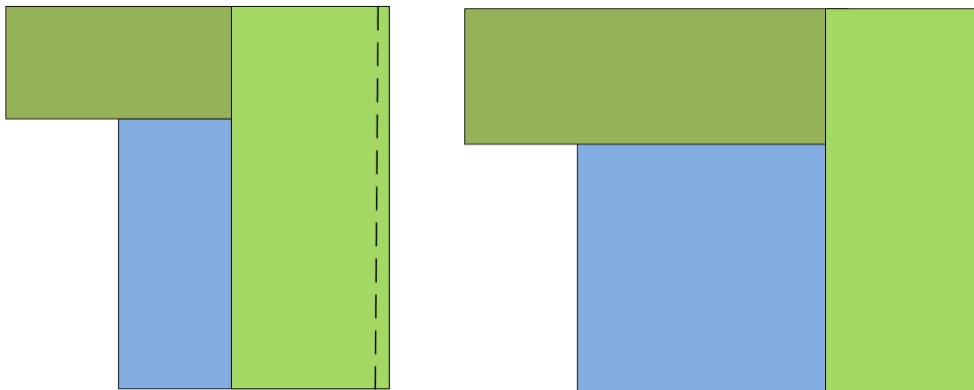
You will need:

- (1) 3" center square (blue)
- (4) 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangles (4 DIFFERENT greens)

Bright Hopes Block

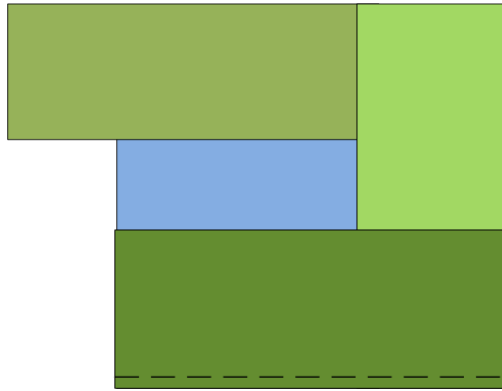


1. Place (1) 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " green rectangle, RST, on top of (1) 3" blue square, matching up the raw edges on the right side.
2. Sew along the long edge of the 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " green rectangle, starting (or stopping depending upon your strip placement) approximately 1" before the end of the 3" blue square. Back stitch to secure the seam. Press open, away from the blue square.

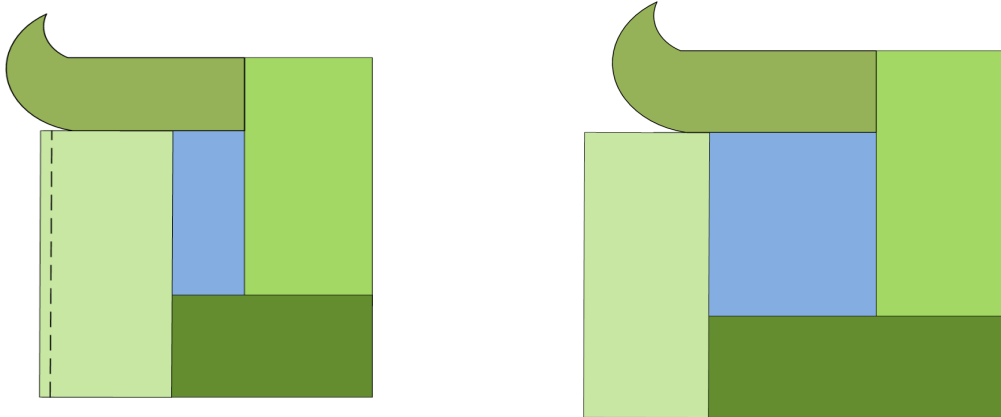


3. Place the green print #2 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangle along the edge of the pieced green/blue segment. Stitch along the length of the raw edge. Press open, away from the blue square.

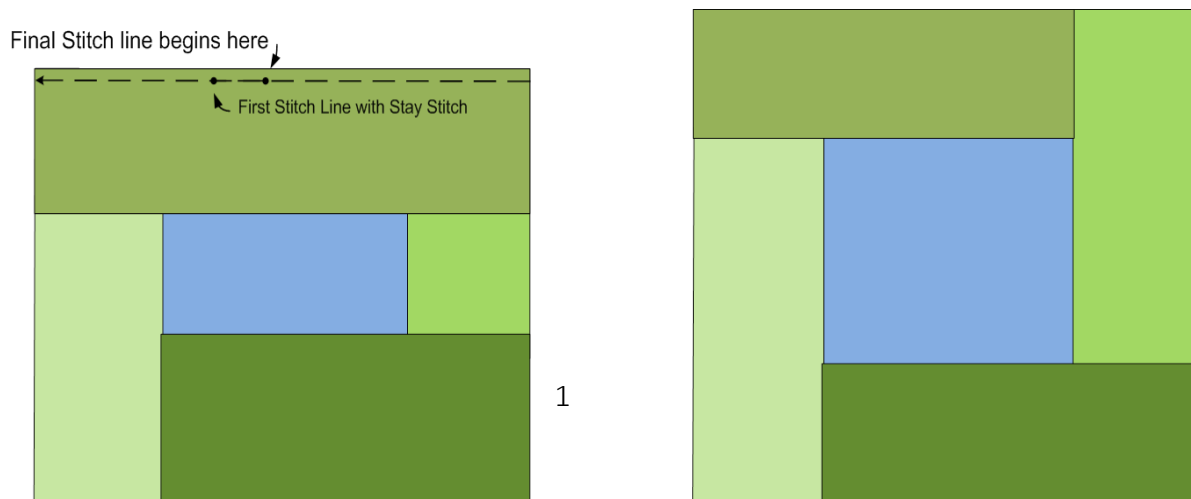
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4. Place the green print #3 $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangle along the edge of the pieced segment from the previous step. Stitch along the length of the raw edge. Press open, away from the blue square.



5. Place the green print #4 $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangle along the edge of the pieced segment from the previous step. Stitch along the length of the raw edge, folding the first (partially sewn) green print out of the way. Press open, away from the blue square.



6. Press the first, partially sewn green rectangle back down flat, so that the seam is exposed. Begin stitching behind the stay stitch, and stitch to the end of the block to complete the first seam. Press open, away from the blue square. The Bright Hopes Block should measure $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square.