

The Striped Sampler

What do I do with all these patterns?

- Several of my friends are keeping their patterns in loose leaf notebooks inside those top loading sleeves.
- Another friend suggested I reformat my pages so you could punch three holes in each page, to be placed in a loose leaf notebook. So if you haven't already printed out your patterns, or would like to reprint, the new patterns will be offset to the right to allow for the punched holes.

How do you choose your fabric?

- Consider any striped fabric--even (two way), uneven (one way), linear prints, or border designs.
- Does it have to be a stripe? Heavens no! You decide. A variety of print fabrics can be equally as lovely.
- Could the stripe portion be pieced fabrics? Absolutely! This would make a great scrap project. See the January Resolution Runner for more details.
- Strong contrasts in value between the background and stripe will accentuate the piecing lines.

How much fabric does it take?

- When you purchase yardage, keep in mind both the number and frequency of the stripe or design repeats. The March video addresses design repeats and one way stripes.
- The closer the repeat, the fabric requirements are less. The wider the stripe repeat the fabric requirements are greater.
- If the stripe you're choosing is parallel to the selvage, I suggest you purchase your fabric in increments of 1 ¼ yd. Our stripes found in the Stripe-O-Rama sale are cut in 5 yard increments as that is four 1 ¼ pieces.
- Determining the necessary yardage is really difficult! I'm reasonably comfortable suggesting 5 yards for nine blocks. If you want a larger sampler, you may want more striped fabric than this. We do have remnants left over from cutting our 5 yard pieces. Just make a note in the comment section if you want us to include a remnant in addition to your 5 yard purchase. You will be charged for the exact yardage in this case.

What do I do with the scraps?

- You'll have quite a bit of fabric left from suggested strip sets in the pattern . I keep these strips pinned to my design wall, so that when I'm ready to make my next month's block I check the leftovers to see what I can cut from them. I try my best to keep the angles the same in order to conserve fabric.
- Why do the instructions give suggest you make four strips sets? Remember I have all of the blocks planned out. While I know we could squeeze things into fewer strip sets, that is not the most efficient use of the fabric IF you are making a sampler. Also for those who like to mix things up, this allows you to be creative with your choices of fabrics.

Other questions?

If you have other questions, please let us know.

I will continue to update this document as we go along.