

Double 4-Patch for Wounded Warriors

This is an easy pattern which can have many different looks, depending on the colors used. Martha Gray from Q is for Quilter made a darling scrappy patriotic doll quilt:

<http://qisforquilter.com/2014/06/patriotic-4-patch-doll-quilt-top/>

Her tiny blocks can be scaled up to 12" finished blocks by cutting 3.5" and 6.5" squares.

Here is a quilt based on Martha's design, made with 12" blocks, using only four fabrics. There are two alternating blocks, one with large squares in blue and one with large squares in red-white stripes.



With 12" blocks, set the quilt 4 blocks wide by 6.5 blocks long to get a 48" x 78" quilt. Our narrow quilts are often better without borders, which would crowd the design.

Allison from Cluck Cluck Sew has a tutorial for a scrappy double 4-patch using 2.5" and 4.5" squares to make an 8" finished block:

<http://cluckclucksew.com/2013/06/finished-scrappy-summer-and-pattern.html>

I like the diagonal lines of white squares in one direction, and the disconnected look of the lines of four colored squares in the other direction. Each block has two identical small 4-patches, with two different large squares. You'd need to use a mixture of reds, blues and perhaps golds for both small and large squares. With 8" blocks, use 6 blocks across and 10 blocks down to get a 48" x 80" quilt.

Here is another nice quilt, made by a reader of Jo Kramer's blog:

<http://www.joscountryjunction.com/charity-quilt-from-cheryl-and-sharon/>

It's made from alternating blocks - a 6" 4-Patch and a 6" Double 4-Patch, made from 3.5" and 1.5" cut squares or strips. There are two different Double 4-Patches, with differing background colors, but all the 4-Patches are the same, with two different light corners. You'd need four colors - maybe red, white, blue and a light gold, with white and light gold for the backgrounds. It would work for a scrappy quilt, too.

I drew a little sketch, and it looks like 6" blocks would work for us. Set the quilt 8 blocks by 14 blocks, with no borders, to get a 48" x 84" quilt. To get the barn-raising effect, you need even numbers of blocks in both directions. Need 56 identical 4-patch blocks, and 28 white-background and 28 gold-background double-4-patches.

You might try using 12" blocks, setting it as a diagonal quilt instead of barn-raising. Sketch it first!