President's Teachable Moment October 2026

Disappearing 4 patch – Chain- unfinished size : 11 inch

For the Row by Row quilt, I made 5 of these blocks.

You can go really scrappy as long as you have light and dark fabrics.

For <u>each</u> block

Cut 2: 6 ¼" x 6 ¼ "squares of (light) background fabric

Cut 2: 6 ¼ " x 6 ¼ " squares of (dark) primary fabric

Step 1: Sew the 4 squares into a 4-patch block

Note: When making multiple blocks, you can chain piece.

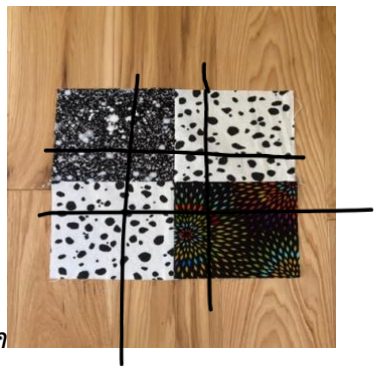
Press to the dark side of each pair of light/dark before you assemble the 4 patch, so that your seams nest.

Square up to a 12 inch block

Step 2;

Make 4 cuts.Each cut is 2 inches from the centre line.

Make the cuts right of the centre, above the centre, left of the centre and bottom of the centre.

Diagram 

You now have 9 blocks.

Note: my drawn lines are not to scale

Next Steps:

-Rotate the top centre block **counterclockwise** 90 degrees. The dark bar should be toward the centre block.

-Rotate the centre right block **clockwise** 90 degrees. The dark bar should be toward the centre block.

-Rotate the bottom centre block **Counterclockwise** 90 Degrees. The dark bar should be toward the centre block.

-Rotate the centre left block **clockwise** 90 degrees. The dark bar should be toward the Centre block.

-Rotate the centre 4-patch block 90 degrees

See photo

Sew the 9 pieces together

When assembled, this looks like a ‘gripper’ claw’ to me.