

# **Ricky Tims Convergence Quilts**

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## **Basic Harmonic Convergence**

What you'll need:

---A sharp rotary cutter, large cutting mat, and large (24" long ruler)

---Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies

---Fabric - four pieces of 12" to 18" squares, the sizes can vary according to what you want to end up with. Choose fabric that changes color across the surface. Multicolored, hand-dyed, or batiks are good. A large scale print theme with other coordinating fabrics is also a great option.

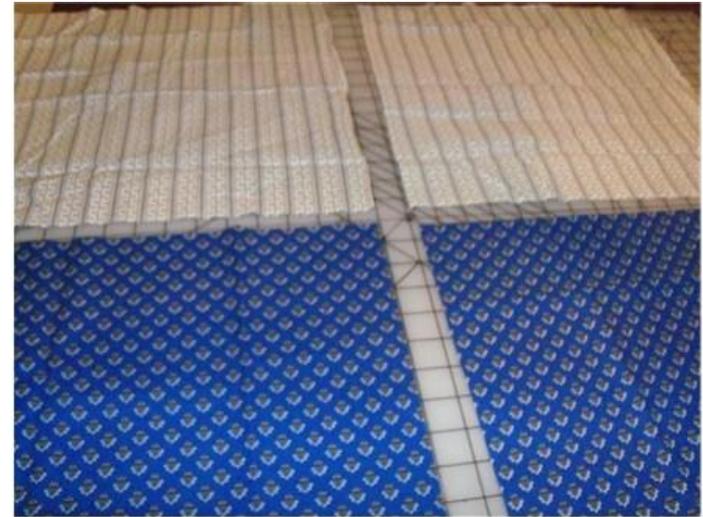
## **Basic Information**

**Seam Allowance:** A quarter inch seam allowance is fine. Just be consistent. Ricky is not one for being precise with the ¼ inch, but be constant throughout the project.

**Stitch Length:** A small stitch length works best - 1.8 or 2.0.

**Accuracy:** Accuracy is achieved in accurate cutting, piecing and pressing. Using a light spray starch will help. It's more important to match the seams rather than the outside edges.

Position fabric like a big four patch. They can either be vertical or across from each other, it's your choice.



Sew fabric squares 1 and 3 together and 2 and 4 together.

Separate these at the middle and from the middle of each piece cut strips.

Strip #1: 1"

Strip #2: 1 1/2"

Strip #3: 2"

Strip #4: 2 1/2"

Strip #5: 3"

Strip #6: 3 1/2"



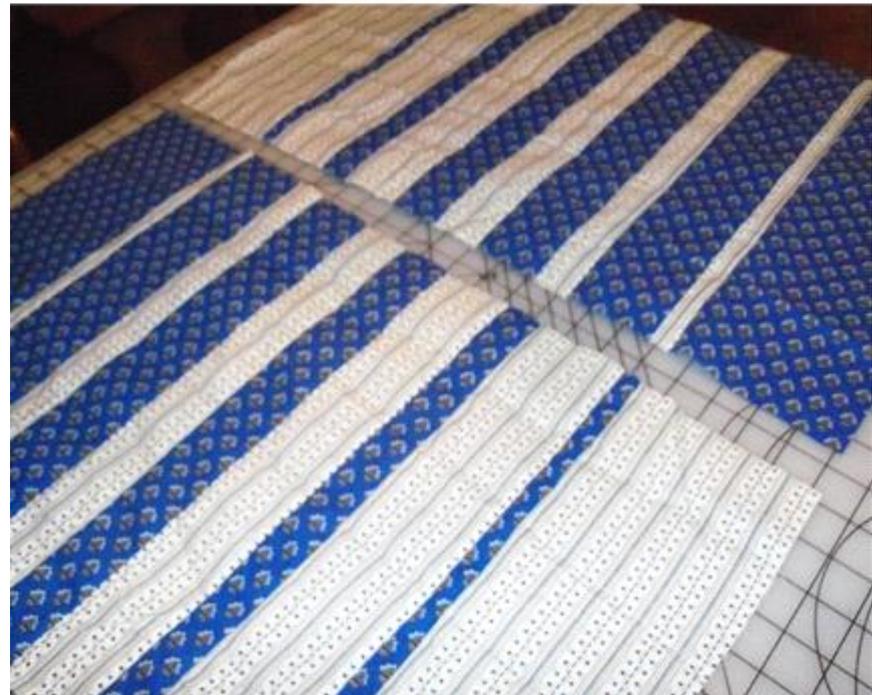
Do not make the last strip too narrow. If it seems small, don't cut the last one. It's better to leave a large piece at the end than to be left with a small section.

Now take the 1" strip from one end and place it next to the opposite large piece, and do that on the other end also. Next move the 1 1/2" pieces. Continue this until you get to the middle and all of the pieces have been blended together. It is really easier than it sounds.



Sew the strips together the way you have them arranged.

Hurray! You are half-way done. Now cut the fabric apart across the center line (where you first attached the two pairs).



Turn the quilt a quarter turn.

Make the same cuts, starting from the middle that you did on the other pieces.

Reposition the strips as you did before. Sew the strips together. Press going all in the same direction. You have completed your convergence part of your quilt.

