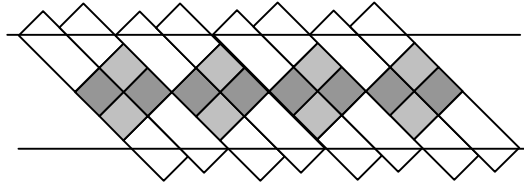


Seminole Sampler Strip of the Month 6 Floating CrissCross Variation



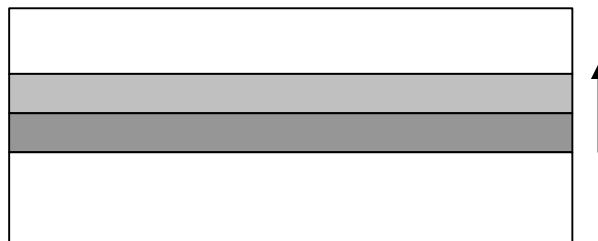
This month we will make a Seminole strip that has a separate pattern in it rather than being the same all across the strip. The four-patches will seem to “float” since there is space between the blocks and the horizontal strips.

Cut your fabric as follows:

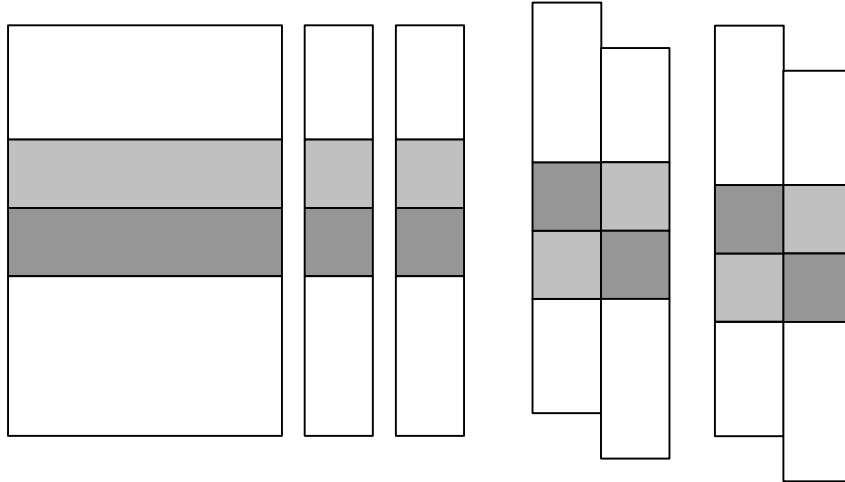
Seminole Bands	# of Strips	Width to Cut (Original)		Width to Cut (Double)	
		Strips	Segments	Strips	Segments
Light	1	1-1/2"	1"	2-1/2"	1-1/2"
Light	1	2"		3-1/2"	
Medium	1	1"		1-1/2"	
Dark	1	1"		1-1/2"	

Horizontal Strips	# of Strips	Width to Cut (Original)	Width to Cut (Double)
Dark	2	1"	1-1/2"

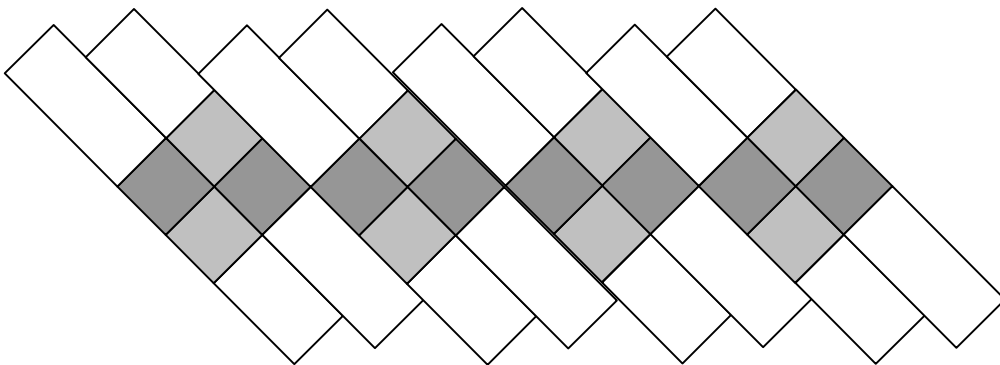
Sew your strips together as shown below. Note that the wider light strip is on the bottom. Press in one direction.



Cut into segments. Sew into pairs. When sewing the pairs, be sure to pay attention to where they match. Turn every other strip 180° and step your fabrics down one fabric. The seams should nest nicely. I like to sew with the longer part of the strip to the top as shown; this way you sew with the seam allowances towards the pressure foot, which helps the seams to nest naturally. Press the seams to either side.



Next, sew the pairs together, moving them down so that the squares just touch. This is a bit more challenging. I pin at the seam where the two four-patches meet, and also near the two ends.



To help reduce the bulk in the seam, press the seams so that the seams are pressed away from the block. (This can be done using the Eleanor Burns® method of removing a couple of stitches in the seam allowance, opening the seam allowance and pressing. It will look like a little four-patch on the back of strip right at that seam intersection. The seam should then easily lie flat.) Straighten the side edges.

Add the horizontal strips to the top and bottom of your Seminole Strip. Try out with your fabric and see how much “float” you like. Trim any excess ragged edges and press to the horizontal strip. (Don’t forget to put all those trimmings in your “Bea Bag.”)