1. Cut a **12 "** square of white on white fabric for base (or green if you prefer a reverse color combo)
2. With your contrast color, cut 2 strips **12 ½"** (and a width that pleases you…1" to 2 ½")
3. Lay them over your 12" square in a way that pleases you (see samples on back) ***Keep the strips at least 2" away from the closest outer edge of the white square
4. Now make 2 cuts in the white fabric where you decided your colored strips will go
5. Insert the strips, using ¼" seam, sew to the right hand side of the base fabric, press seams to the dark
6. Now sew these 2 sets of 2 strips to each other then to the remaining base piece
7. You now have a rectangle 12" by a new number which depended on the width of strip you chose in #2.
8. Measure the new width of your fabric and cut 2 more colored strips new width plus 1" for fudge factor
9. Turn your block ¼ turn either left or right before continuing
10. Lay out these strips to crisscross the block
11. When satisfied with their placement, follow steps 4 and 5
12. Before sewing 2 sets of strips at this point, you need to place them on your fabric, line the horizontals of the strip sets to the horizontal of the background you made in step 6
    See my sample of what not to do, when I just sewed them without lining up…grrr
13. Ta-dah…..your block is done
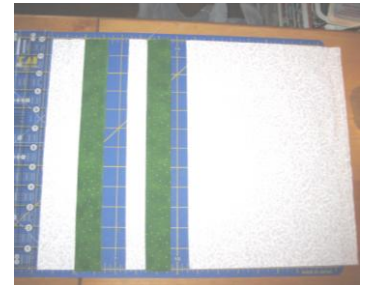14. Do not trim your block…..we'll let the winner do that
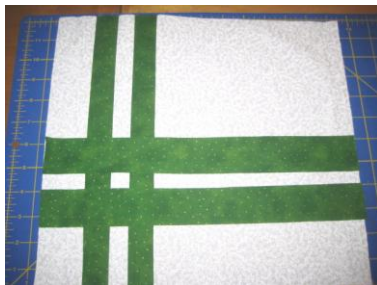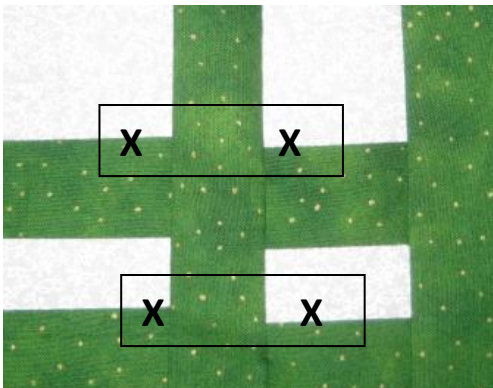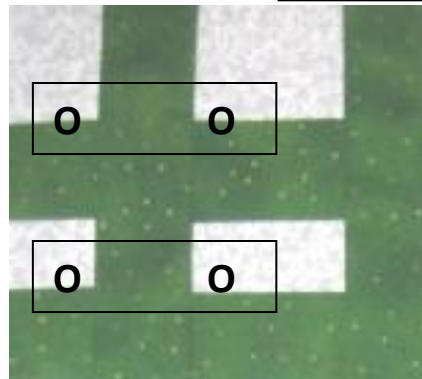

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

Step 6

Step 7 & 8

Step 9 & 10

This is turned block repeating steps 4

This is turned block – time to line up for step 12
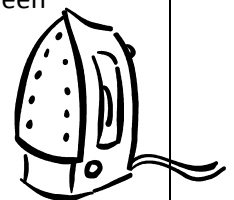

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Step 11 bad example of NOT lining up horizontal strips before sewing

O   O

O   O

Step 11 good example of lining up horizontal strips before sewing

See flip side for optional settings – have fun!

Pressing between steps is important for the finished look!

Some options for strip placement….   Note that either greens or whites are interchangeable for backgrounds and strips