

Partial Seam Lesson

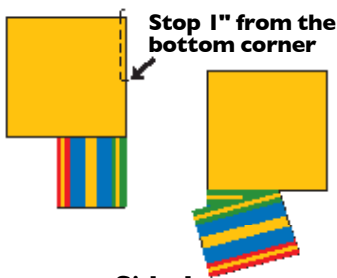
Learn how to create a woven-look frame.

A partial seam is a great way to frame a block to emphasize a focus fabric or to create a woven design. Oh, My Tangled Stars (page 22) uses a partial seam.

On this page is an example of a quilt using a stripe fabric with the partial seam technique. This quilt uses the alphabet, but any novelty print such as animals or flowers can be placed in the center with a fussy cut stripe around the square to create a woven look. (ABC Quilt is featured in the book *Cuddle-up Quilts* by Deborah Hearn.)

It may look difficult, but it really isn't when following the simple steps below.

- 1 Place a large square on a rectangle strip, right sides together. Sew, starting at the top corner and stopping 1" from the bottom corner of the square, as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the strip.



Side 1

- 2 Stitch a second rectangle strip to the left side of the unit. Press seam allowance toward the strip.



Side 2

- 3 Sew a third rectangle strip to the top of the unit and press as before.



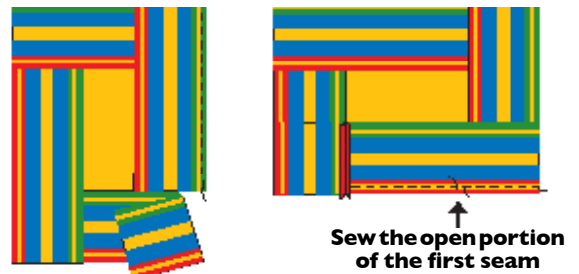
Side 3



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Create an interesting design by fussy cutting a stripe to border each novelty print. The joining of the blocks gives a woven appearance.

- 4 Stitch a fourth rectangle strip to the right side of the unit and press.



Side 4

- 5 Complete the block by sewing the open portion of the first seam and press.



Partial seam square