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Small Project Patterns for Quilting & Sewing

PARTIAL SEAMS

**Do You Avoid
Sewing Partial
Seams?**

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**No Need to
Worry - You've
Got This!**

PARTIAL SEAMS - NEED NOT BE SCARY!

Are you avoiding patterns that call for sewing partial seams? Not to worry - it's far easier than you might imagine. We'll walk through the steps and in no time at all - you'll wonder why you were so nervous about sewing partial seams.

First - let's talk a bit about why a pattern might call for a partial seam in the first place. Partial seams are a technique that allows the pattern designer (and the sewer) to create more complex designs that flow better - often using fewer pieces.

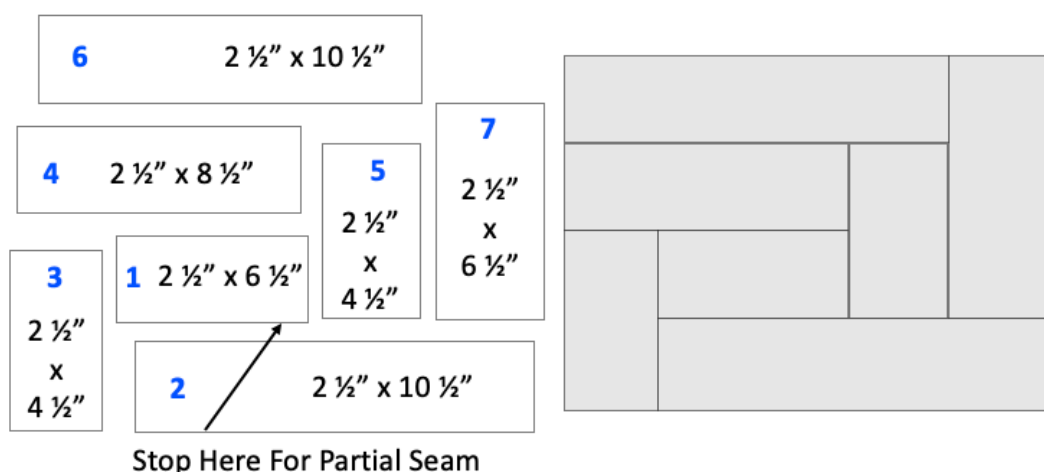
To create a partial seam means - [to simply stop sewing](#) - before you get to the end of the seam. After the rest of the block is created - you go back to that first seam - and finish sewing it as you normally would. It's that simple - *really*.

I've created a couple of examples to demonstrate this technique.

1. RECTANGULAR BLOCK -

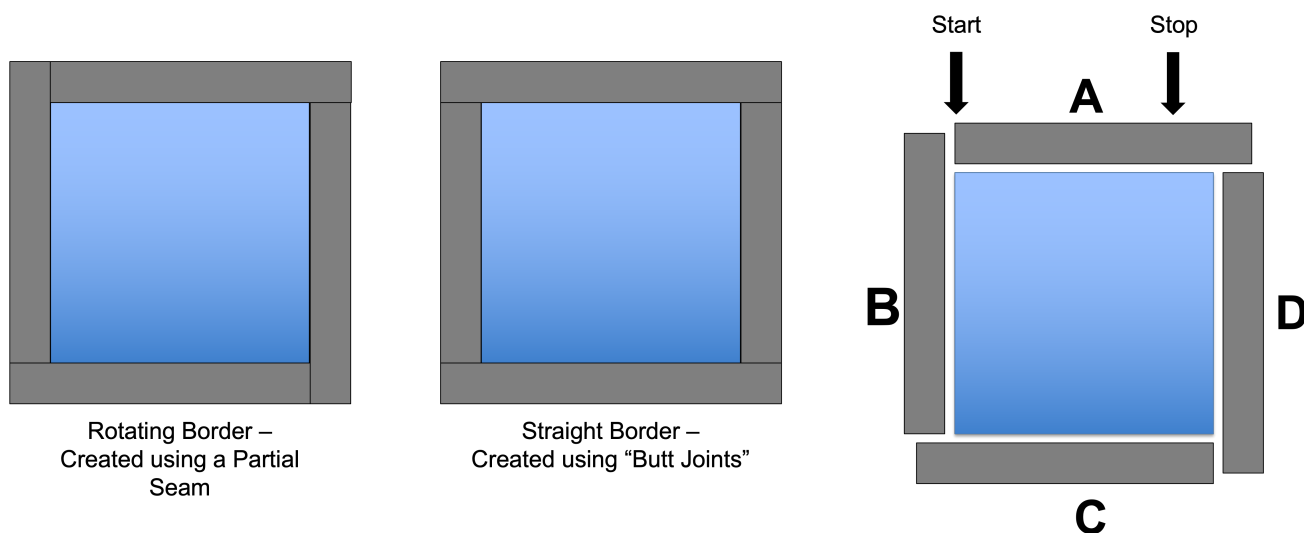
A partial seam is sometimes used within a block to allow the pieces of the block to create a more flowing design. The rectangular block pictured on the next page is a good example of that. Without the use of 1 partial seam - this rectangular block would need to be created with more pieces - and might not be as pleasing to the eye.

- a. **Using the diagram on the next page as a guide** (using accurate 1/4" seams) - Assemble the pieces in order (following the blue numbers). You will have a partial seam between pieces 1 and 2, *stop your first seam at the arrow*.
- b. **Complete the seam** between pieces 1, 5, 7, and 2 as the final seam.
- c. **Your rectangular pieced block** should measure 8-1/2" x 12-1/2".



2. ROTATING BORDER

A rotating border is a pleasing way to add a border to any project. The border flows around the center of your project without stopping the eye at the corners. It does require the creation of one partial seam - that's easily finished once you have added all four sides of your border.



Sewing a partial seam may have seemed daunting, but now you know - it's actually a simple technique that can add a lot of visual interest and complexity to your quilting projects. By following these easy steps, you can create beautiful designs that are sure to impress!

Final Thoughts:

If you enjoyed this Quiltblox Tutorial - I do have lots of others that are just as much fun and I'd love for you to check them out on [my website](#).

Have you made up a project using one of my patterns? I'd love to see it! Just send me a picture of your project and I may feature it on my website or in a newsletter (with your permission of course).



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