

# Chaining Blocks & Pieces

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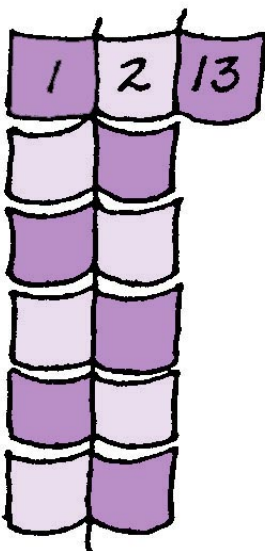
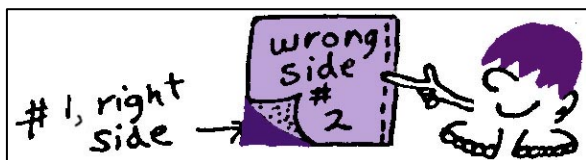
1. Lay out your blocks as they will be in the quilt.
2. Note the number of horizontal rows or pieces in the section you're going to assemble. In the example on the left there are 6 rows.
3. Keeping #1 on top, pick up the first two vertical rows from top to bottom as numbered.
4. Put a "post it" note on top of the first block in the third row, and then pick up one vertical row at a time, from top to bottom, until the last piece, which will be on the bottom.
5. Set the pile on your lap or next to your sewing machine, right side up.
6. Pick up the first two pieces and hold them next to each other, sliding the top one to the left. Flip the second one face down on the first, and join the two with

a ¼" or scant ¼" seam at the right edge, backstitching at the beginning.

7. "Chain sew," pairs in this manner until you've joined the same number as the number of horizontal rows, (6 in the example). Don't cut any of the threads in between. You'll know it's the end because you'll see the "post it" note on the next piece. Backstitch at the end.

8. Going back to the top, unfold blocks 1 & 2.

Pick up the next one from the pile, which will have the "post it" note on it, and is the first one in the third vertical row.



9. Attach the left side of this block to the right side of the top block in the second vertical row, right sides together, backstitching at the beginning.

10. Continue, attaching one block at a time for all the blocks in the vertical row. Backstitch.

11. Put the entire section or quilt top together in this way. Remember to backstitch at the top and bottom of the rows, and always attach the left side of the new block to the right side of the old block.

12. When all the pieces are together, flip the top horizontal row down on the second one, right sides together, and sew. Try to sew the vertical seams to the same side for each block. You may find it easier to pin the horizontal rows before stitching and match up the seams with pins rather than doing it at the machine.

This is my favorite way of joining. Before this, I laid the blocks out on the floor and jumped up and down to get them in order! With cats, that's not possible. One would always be sitting on the next block!