Cheshire Quilt Guild Note: You will make & bring in blocks measuring 12 ½" square. (The block finished in the quilttop will measure 12".)

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** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **

First mark and cut the Color 1 4-1/2" x 22-1/2" strip into five 4-1/2" squares...

Then speed piece the half squares by stacking the Color 2 and Color 3 strips, right sides together. On the back of the top strip, lightly mark the diagonals in the direction shown at left. Mark the 4-7/8" square line also. Sew a scant 1/4" above and below the marked diagonal lines, pivoting that the square line. Cut apart ON the marked diagonal and on the square line to make four half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Trim these back to measure 4-1/2" if needed...

Next just piece the block, by sewing rows of squares and half squares, as shown in the diagram at left!...on to Page 2!

Cheshire Quilt Guild Note: The “Contrary Wife” quilt block was given the name in the Kansas City Star in 1941. If you google the life of Frances Kimball Butler you will read a story of true “contrary wife” featured in the Saturday Evening Post June 8, 1941. To be honest, we picked the block for this month because we liked the name! You can go to the websire noted below to view Contrary Wife and more great patterns...a whole cache!

http://www.quilterscache.com/C/ContraryWifeBlock.html