

Fracturing a Panel

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1. **Select a panel and isolate the design to fracture, cropping out anything you don't want, leaving a small border until after fusing.**
2. **Square it up and iron – I like to use starch to make it sturdier.**
3. **Back the panel with paper backed fusible web like Pelon 805 Wonder-Under according to instructions, leaving the paper backing intact and make final crop.**
4. **Prepare the backing fabric – the one you will be ironing your strips to. I like to make this oversized then cut it down after I have ironed down the strips, leaving about 1 1/4" border all around.**
5. **Determine if you are going to cut horizontally or vertically, then carefully cut your panel every 1/2" and lay aside IN ORDER!!**
6. **Determine the horizontal/vertical center of your background and start laying down your strips, removing the backing paper as you work, leaving about 1/16th between the strips. You don't have to measure this space, just eyeball it, but make sure the edges are even.**
 1. **After you have placed all your strips, look to make sure they are in order. Once you iron it down, it's done!!**
 2. **If it looks good, CAREFULLY press the strips in place.**
 3. **You can now incorporate this into a quilt pattern or layer it with batting and a backing and make a mini quilt.**
 4. **If you are applying this panel along with several others to a larger background, you could do reverse applique or fold the edges forward and sew them down carefully along the edges.**
 5. **Your panel could be cut horizontally or vertically, or if using several panels, a combination of both.**