

9 Patch Quilt Block



Notions and Fabrics

- 3 coordinated fat quarters or pre-cuts like charm packs or jellyrolls
- Sewing machine with Knee Lifter
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch sewing machine presser foot
- Sewing thread for top threading and bobbin, in a neutral color
- 15" square acrylic ruler
- Rotating cutting mat

This particular pattern makes an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " block.

Note: The block can be sized by changing the width of the strips or the size of the precut squares.

1. Using yardage, cut 3, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips of fabric
 - a. Lay the fabric strips atop one another after pressing and fold in half
 - b. Resting your acrylic ruler atop the folded fabric strips, cut a clean edge on the right, rotate your mat so that the clean edge is now to the left
 - c. Since we are going to cut 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips you can move your ruler to left in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " increments after you cut the first strip against the right edge
2. Next
 - a. stitch 3 alternating strips together
 - b. with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams
 - c. 2.5 mm stitch length
 - d. stitch a second set of strips alternately to the first
3. Press the seams so that the first set of seams are pressed toward the center and second set are pressed so that the seams are towards the outside
4. Now you will want to cut these pieces perpendicular to the seam making 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips as well
5. Make sets of 3 so that they alternate- light, dark and light and dark, light and dark
6. Next:
 - a. Pin the rows together so that the seams nest together as they lay against each other.
 - b. Insert a straight pin $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge at the seams that you are going to sew to.

Remember that while it is not recommended that you sew over needles, here is where you sew to the needle, slow down and sew over the needle. With the $\frac{1}{4}$ " presser foot attached, select the 2.5 mm stitch length and sew.

Tip: sometimes I found that as I began to sew, the fabric did not want to move with feed dogs...since I was using a shorter stitch I found that if I did not do a reinforcement stitch the fabric would begin feeding without getting hung up.

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7. Add the third row, trim and press, being sure that each square is $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



8. Cut a strip for the sashing, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut the first set of strips to be $6\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Attach with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, press seam towards the sashing. Cut 2 more pieces slightly longer than the measured side to be attached to. Attach and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Trim and press. Your block is complete.