

Disappearing ~~Nine~~ Flower Patch

Quilt Pattern Created by Leah Day

The first quilt block I ever pieced was a very easy Nine Patch block. This month let's learn how to piece this simple block together, then POOF! Make it disappear to create this beautiful flower patch quilt.

Finished Quilt Size: 52 inches square

Materials

10 Fat Quarters (18 x 21 inch pieces) Fabric A – Various flower prints

10 Fat Quarters (18 x 21 inch pieces) Fabric B – Solid fabrics to coordinate with Fabric A

Gray 100% cotton piecing thread
18 1/2-inch square ruler

Note: I used a set of ten fat quarters of Alex Anderson's Mirage fabric and ten solid Kona Cotton fat quarters to create this quilt.

Fabric Preparation and Quilt Piecing Tips

For best results, prewash, starch, and press all fabrics before cutting. Remember to lower your stitch length to 1.5 mm to create a tight stitch. Unless otherwise noted, please press all seam allowances OPEN to reduce bulk and make quilting easier.

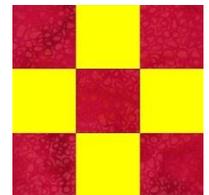


Cutting Chart

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| Fabric A | Cut 5 – 6 1/2-inch squares from each fat quarter (50 total) |
| Fabric B | Cut 4 – 6 1/2-inch squares from each fat quarter (40 total) |

Piecing the Nine Patch Blocks

Arrange five Fabric A 6 1/2-inch squares and four Fabric B 6 1/2-inch squares to create the Nine Patch block as shown in the picture on the right. Piece the block together in three rows of three squares, then piece the rows together, matching the seams.

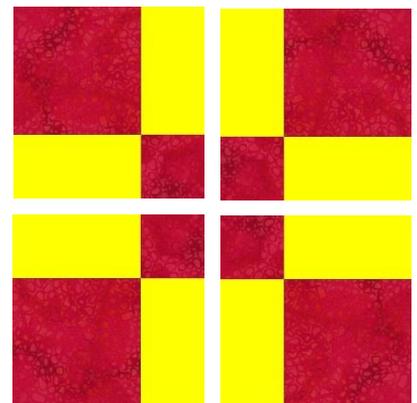


Repeat this process nine more times to create a total of 10 Nine Patch quilt blocks.

POOF! The Nine Patches Disappear!

Align the 18 1/2-inch square ruler over one Nine Patch block with the 9 1/4-inch mark aligned to the side. This will cut the Nine Patch block in half. Rotate the rectangular pieces and cut them in half again to create four 9 1/4-inch squares.

Repeat this process cutting all the Nine Patch Blocks into 9 1/4-inch squares. You should now have 40 pieced blocks.



Piecing the Quilt Top

Arrange the pieced blocks in six rows of six squares. Play with rotating the blocks to see how it changes the look and feel of your quilt.

Piece the quilt together in rows, then piece the rows together, matching the seam lines. Give your Disappearing Nine Patch a final press and it will be ready for quilting.