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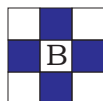
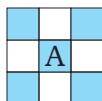
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## Simple Nine Patch

30" by 36"



### MATERIALS

288 assorted 2 1/2" fabric squares from scraps.

OR

3/4 yard of light fabric for Nine Patch blocks.

3/4 yard of dark fabric for Nine Patch blocks.

1 yard of backing fabric.

1/3 yard of binding fabric.

4 strips cut 2 1/4" by the width of the fabric.

Crib size batting.

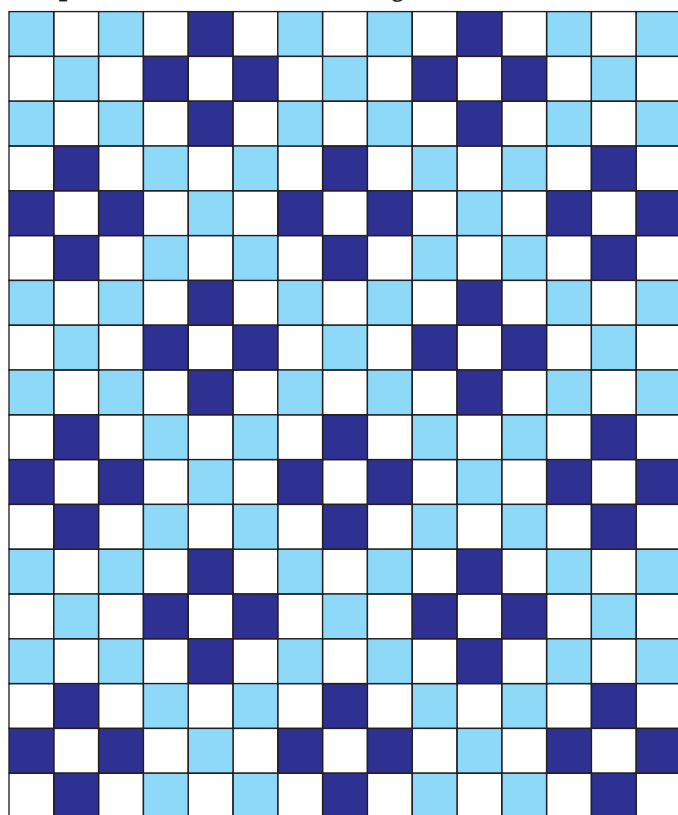
Rotary cutter, mat and ruler.

Thread for assembly.

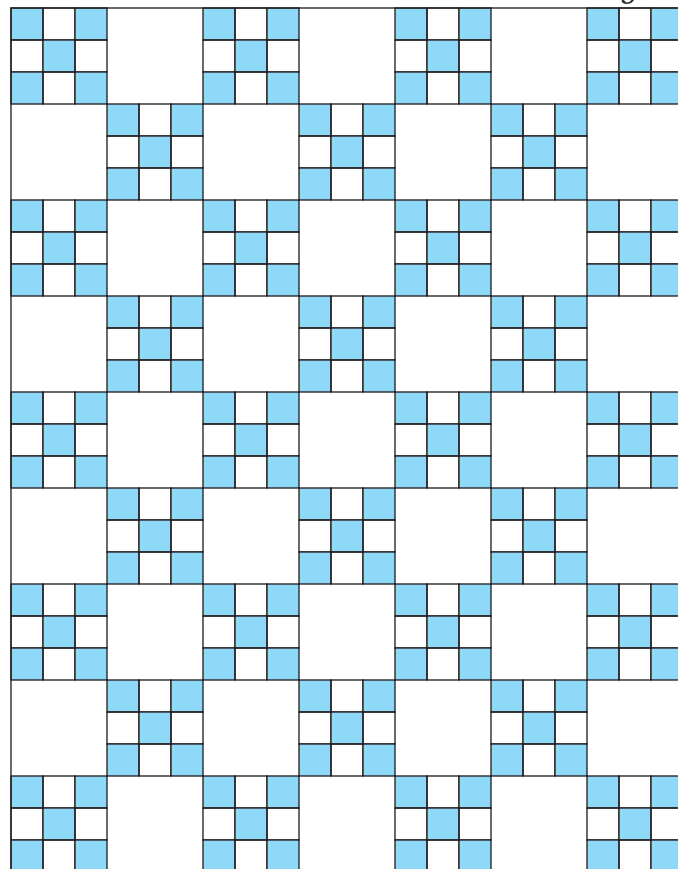
### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Following the basic block instructions, make 15 of Block A, having 5 dark squares and 4 light squares. Make 15 of Block B having 4 dark squares and 5 light squares.

### Simple Nine Patch Block Layout



### Alternate Block Nine Patch Layout



## Alternate Block Nine Patch

42" by 54" without borders.

### MATERIALS

160 dark squares cut 2 1/2" from scrap fabric.

OR 3/4 yard of a single fabric.

128 light squares cut 2 1/2" from scrap fabric

OR 2/3 yard of a single fabric.

1 1/4 yards fabric for solid setting squares

3/8 yard binding fabric.

5 strips cut 2 1/4" by the width of the fabric.

3 yards backing fabric.

### Alternate Block With Optional 6" Border

58" by 70"

1 3/4 yard of outer border fabric

4 strips cut 8 1/2" by the length of the fabric.

1/2 yard of binding fabric

7 strips cut 2 1/4" by the width of the fabric.

3 3/4 yards of backing fabric.

# Nine Patch Block

## MATERIALS

5 dark squares cut 2 ½".

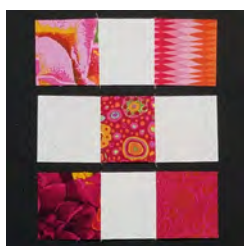
4 light squares cut 2 ½".

## INSTRUCTIONS

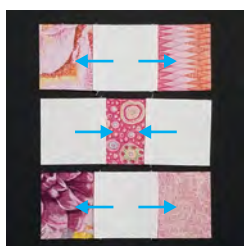
1. Arrange the pre-cut squares in three rows of three blocks each, alternating the light and dark squares as shown.



2. Using a 1/4" seam, stitch the rows of blocks together in groups of three. Press the seams in the top and bottom row toward the outer edge blocks. Press the seams in the center row toward the center block as indicated by the blue arrows.



Front

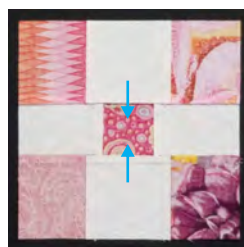


Back

3. Stitch the rows together, matching the seams. Press these seams toward the center of the block as indicated by the blue arrows. Your block will measure 6 ½" including seam allowance.



Front

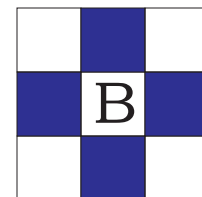
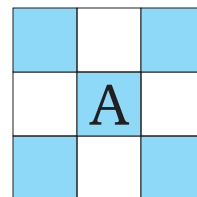


Back

### Color Tip:

*If you plan on using the Simple Nine Patch layout, group fabrics of the same color together in each block to make the block stand out.*

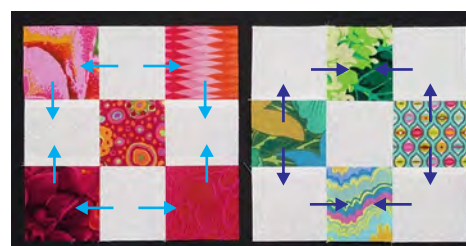
*A random color arrangement will create a scrappy checkerboard pattern because the blocks will blend together.*



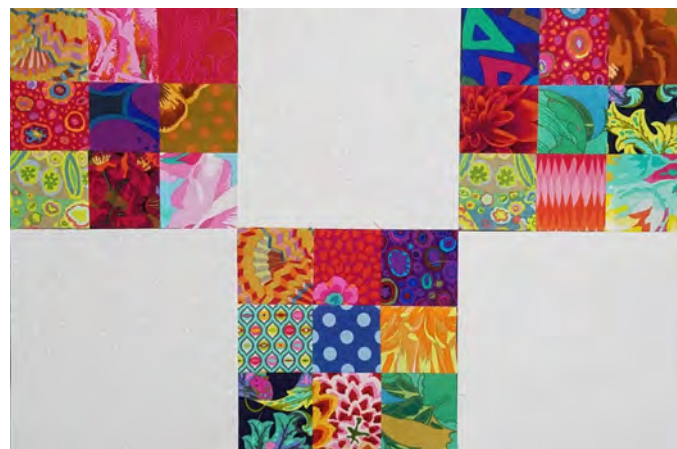
## B Blocks

For block-to-block assembly as shown in the Basic Nine Patch Layout, every other Nine Patch Block should have 5 light squares and 4 dark squares. The B blocks are assembled in the exact same way as the Nine Patch Block, only the color placement of the squares is different.

When assembling the Nine Patch Blocks side-by-side in your quilt top, rotate The B blocks so that the seams are pressed in the opposite direction of the block it will be joined to. This is called "nesting" your seams.



If you plan to set your Nine Patch Blocks with an alternate block or solid square in between, the seams in each block can be pressed in any direction. Only your block-to-block seams will nest.



Nine Patch Blocks set with alternate blocks can be made following the Simple Nine Patch instructions using 5 dark and 4 light squares. The Nine Patch Blocks will then form a chain as shown in the illustration on page 1.

For a more informal look, make your Nine Patch Blocks from a variety of scrap fabrics as shown above. Assemble the block following the Simple Nine Patch instructions.