

Fast Scrappy 9-Patch Blocks

Supply list (1 page)

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9-Patch blocks are among the simplest of block patterns to make. Originally pieced from individually cut squares, many quilters now prefer to strip piece these blocks for speed and convenience. This yields a lot of identically colored blocks but what if you want to go scrappy? In this class, I will show you a nifty method of making fast-patch scrappy blocks where each block is different from the others without the fuss of piecing fussy little squares. The class will also cover a piecing strategy that will help you piece long rows of 9-patch blocks for borders and fields of blocks accurately. No more sewing pieced bands of blocks that come out at different lengths.



Please be courteous to others by arriving for class with the correct supplies. Contact me at 503-888-9784 or helene.m.knott@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Thank you, Helene

TOOLS/MATERIALS:

- **Fabrics:** You will need an assortment of 1½" x 18" **OR** 2-1/2" x 18" strips cut from fat quarters, The 1½" strips make 3" finished blocks, the 2½" strips will make 6" finished blocks; you can choose whichever size you wish or make some of each for a more interesting presentation. Cut one to two strips in each color. To use up smaller scraps left from other projects cut an assortment of strips from fabrics of choice according to the following legend. Each 9-Patch block will be made from two colors, for the best results, keep color and value contrast in mind when pairing your fabrics and pin the groups for each block together to avoid confusion.

For each 3" (finished) block you will need:

- **Fabric 'A'** - 1½" x 2" strip AND 1½" x 5½" strip
- **Fabric 'B'** - 1½" x 3½" strip AND 1½" x 5½" strip

For each 6" (finished) block you will need:

- **Fabric 'A'** - 2½" x 3" strip AND 2½" x 8" strip
- **Fabric 'B'** - 2½" x 5½" strip AND 2½" x 8" strip

You may pre-cut the fabrics to the correct measurements if desired or simply bring a variety of 1½" or 2½" strips in various colors as long as the strips are of an appropriate length to meet the minimum length required. Bring as many sets of paired fabrics as you wish. NOTE: part of the lesson includes a ¼" seam test so be sure to bring a three extra 1½" strips of fabric for that (or use leftovers from the long strips you cut).

- **Rotary cutter, mat and ruler:** A 6½" square ruler and 11" x 17" mat. **NOTE:** If you didn't precut your strips from yardage or scraps an 18" or 24" ruler will also be necessary.
- **Thread snips**
- **Sewing thread:** In a neutral color that blends well with your fabrics.
- **Sewing pins:** These can be ordinary sewing pins but the 'U' shaped 'fork' pins make pinning intersections a snap.
- **Sewing machine:** With a ¼" piecing foot and standard accessories