

Nine Patch Style Blocks

The nine patch block was named because of the number of grid spaces in it's design. Quilt blocks of this style are constructed in rows. There are three patches to each row. The rows are created, then stitched to each other to form the completed block.

The Sampler Quilt has five different types of nine patch blocks included in it: Churn Dash, Color Wheel, Amish Diamond, Ohio Star, and the Simple Nine Patch.

We will complete four of these nine-patch style blocks (not the Color Wheel) in Class #2.

The Simple Nine Patch Block



This is the Simple Nine Patch. It is the #1 block in the Sampler Quilt.

12" total block size finished,
12 1/2" unfinished



Simple Nine Patch Block

FINISHED SIZES:

4 inch finished squares

CUT SIZES:

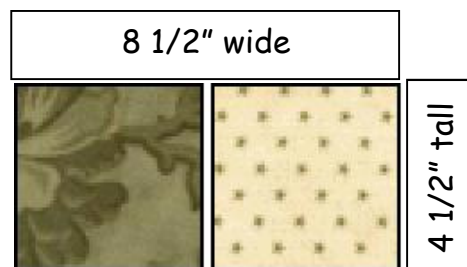
4 1/2 inch squares

Steps:

1. Select two contrasting fabrics for this block.
2. Cut 1 fabric strip (A) that measures 4 1/2" by WOF. (WOF = Width of Fabric, usually 40-42 inches wide for cotton fabrics)
3. Cut 1 fabric strip (B) that measures 4 1/2" by WOF.
4. Cross-cut five squares that measure 4 1/2" from fabric (A).
5. Cross-cut four squares that measure 4 1/2" from fabric (B).
6. Lay out the fabric squares to form the block. Note that you have three columns and three rows in a nine patch block.

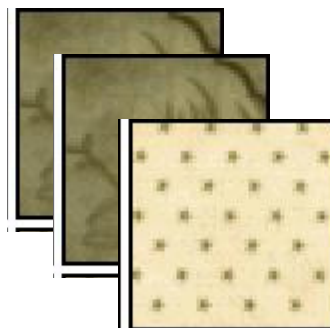


7. Flip column 2 (center column) squares over onto column one squares so that they are face together. Stitch each of these 3 -pairs of fabric together.
8. Each set of squares should look like this:



Steps (continued):

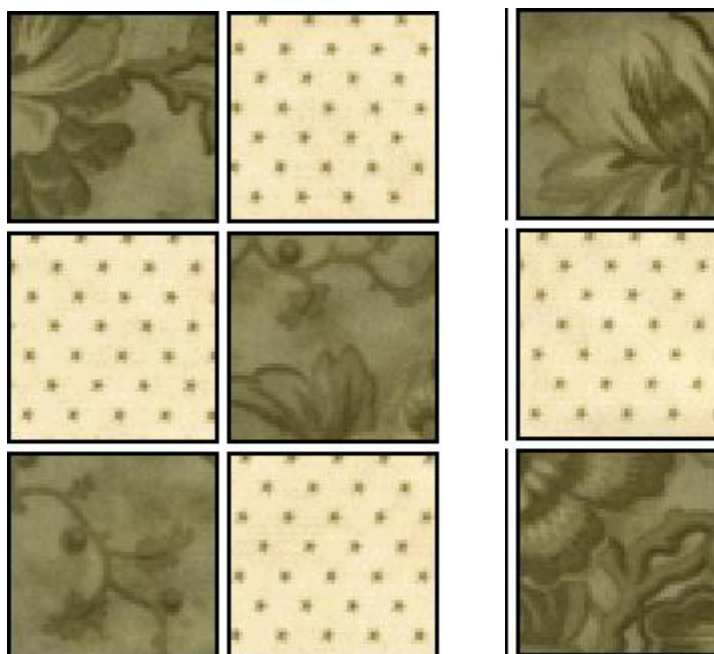
9. Press the three sets so the seam allowance is under the darker fabric.
10. Lay the three sets out on your workspace so that they would align to create the first two "columns" of blocks in the nine patch. They should look like this:

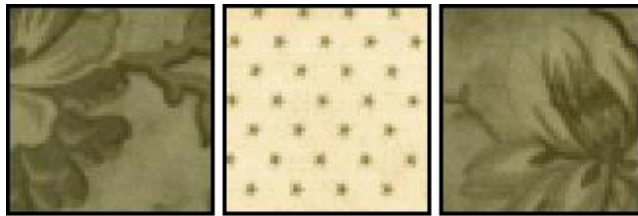


11. Take the three remaining squares of fabric and place them next to the columns of patches so they would create a Simple Nine Patch block if sewn.

12. Place each of the single blocks on top of the Column 2 patches and stitch the side seam.

****Make sure you use a 1/4" seam when stitching!****





Row 1

You should now have three rows of squares.

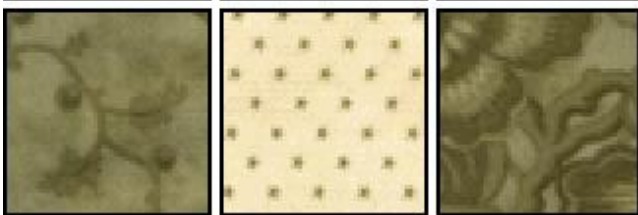
Press the seam just sewn to the dark fabric.



Row 2

13. Lay the rows out so that they would form a Simple Nine Patch Block when sewn.

14. Place row 1 and row 2 together and sew the seam. (Hint: pin the correct seam so you sew the right one)



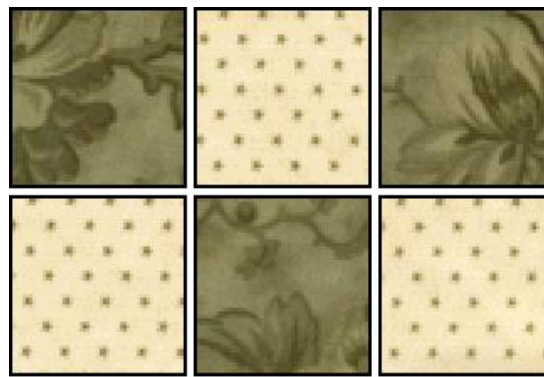
Row 3

Make sure to match the intersecting seams.

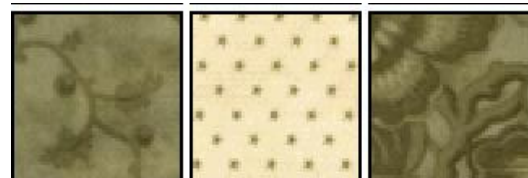
15. Press the seam flat (either direction is fine). Lay the partial block so it matches this picture.

16. Place row 3 on top of the combination so that it is face-to-face with row 2. Stitch this seam.

****Make sure to match the intersecting seams.****



Row 1 & 2 after stitching



Row 3



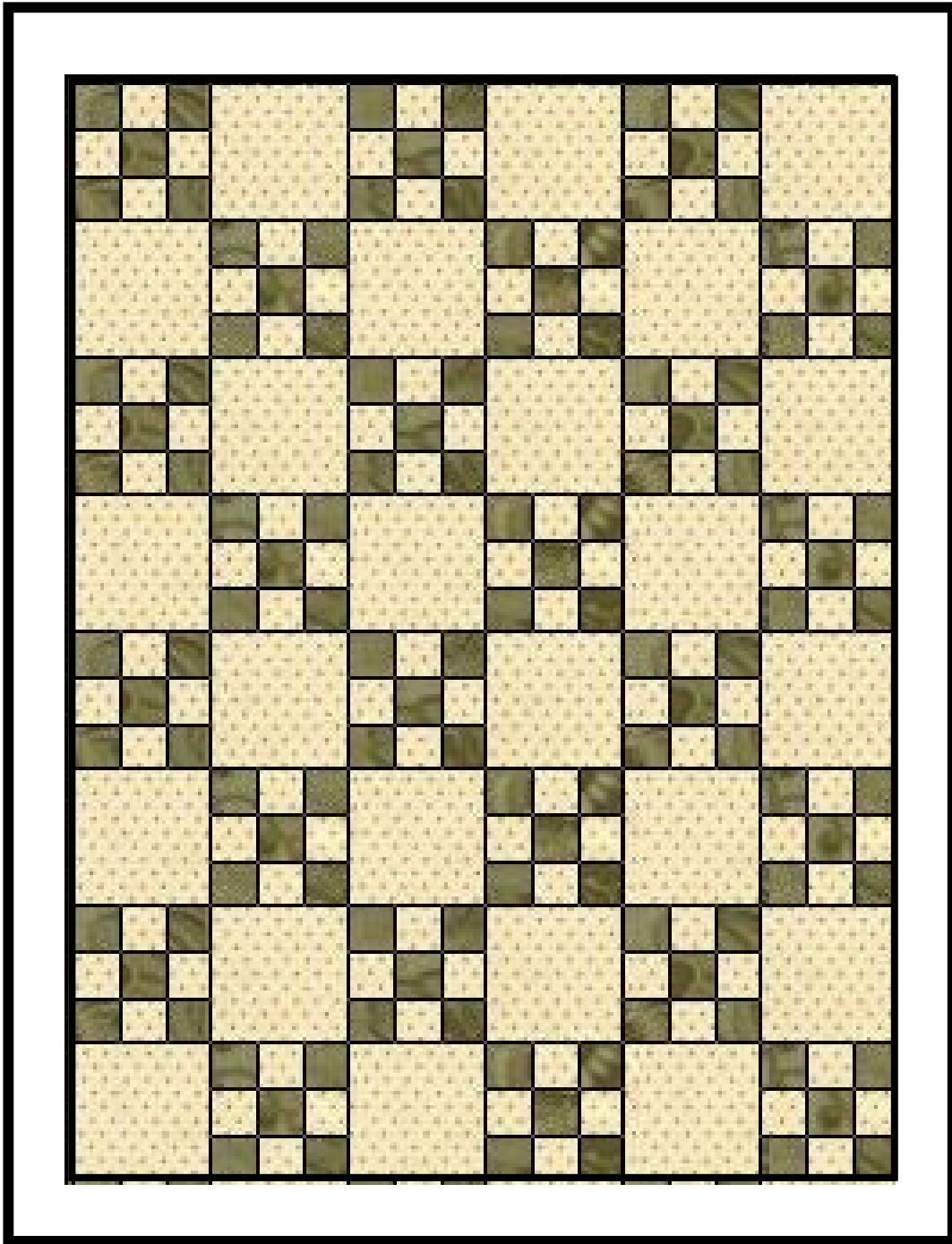
Completed Simple Nine Patch

If the block was constructed correctly, it should measure a total of

12 1/2 inches on each side.

Notes:

Simple Nine Patch Quilt



This quilt is constructed Simple Nine Patch Blocks, (24) and solid fabric squares (24). Each block measures 12 1/2 inches when single units...and a finished 12 inch each when sewn together. The outside border is 4" finished and 4 1/2" cut width. The entire quilt measures 80" wide by 104" long.