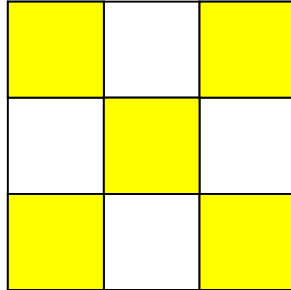


Block of the Month - February 2003

Nine Patch



Description:

The Nine Patch Block is made from 9 squares. This block may be pieced by cutting the individual squares, or by strip piecing.

Fabric Requirements for one block:

In the diagram above the color placement is as follows:

Yellow - Focus Print, one strip 29" long by 5" wide

White - Background, one strip 23" long by 5" wide

Color Placement:

The background fabric will be the four blocks shown in white in the drawing above. The Focus Print will be the remaining 4 corners and center square of the finished block.

Cutting and Piecing:

1. From your focus print cut 5 - 4.5" squares.
2. From your background fabric cut 4 - 4.5" squares.
3. Follow the drawing above to piece your Nine-Patch.

Note: Be sure to use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when sewing the squares together.

Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

Piecing with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Hint:

When you come to an intersection of two seams, turn them in opposite directions. This will help you to match points and seams as needed.