

Basic Disappearing Nine Patch



*Assemble 9 fabric blocks in a pattern pleasing to you (don't forget to use some contrast). Keep in mind that the square in the center will be cut into 4 small pieces and the corner squares will not be cut at all.

* Using 1/4" seam, stitch blocks together .

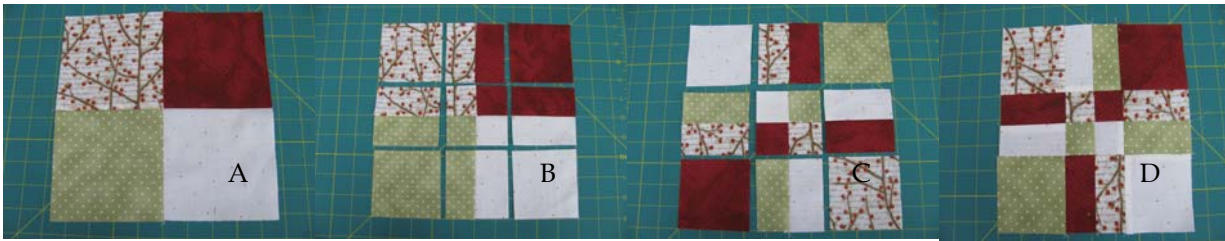
* Then press seams on outside rows away from center block. Press seams on inside rows toward center block. Matching seams, stitch outside rows to center row (your seams should "nest"). Press seams toward outside of block. Your 9 patch is complete Now to make it disappear.

* Cut 9 patch apart horizontally, then vertically exactly through the middle each direction. (as in above photo)..



* Rearrange the 4 sections to create a new block. Experiment until you have the block that you want.

Disappearing Four Patch



- A. Lay out 4 squares. Consider using contrasting colors. Stitch to create a 4 patch block.
- B. Make four cuts into the four patch, each 1.5 away from the center seam. I use a 3" ruler, You'll have nine pieces.
- C. Rearrange the 9 pieces until you have a block pleasing to you.
- D. Stitch the 9 pieces together three pieces to rows. On the middle row, press the seams out.. On the outer rows, press the seams in so they will "nest" together.

NOTE: Check out U-tube & Sewing With Nancy for other disappearing 9 & 4 patch techniques.