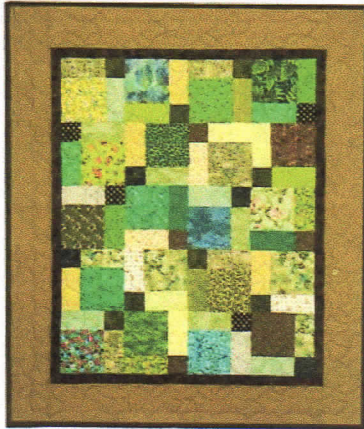


Disappearing Nine Patch



The Disappearing Nine Patch is a simple variation on the traditional nine-patch block.

It's very easy to make, and looks impressive when finished.

It's an ideal pattern for a scrap quilt and great way to use those charm square packs. You can also make a great "I Spy" quilt by using the novelty squares in the corners.

You can use any size squares to make any size quilt it's so versatile.

These instructions are just for the blocks, you will need to add a border (or borders) before completing the quilt.

Fabric Requirements

You can use any number of like sized squares as long as the number of squares you use is divisible by nine.

Each group of nine squares will yield four disappearing blocks. For example if you begin with 36 squares to make four nine patch blocks, then these will yield a total of sixteen disappearing blocks.

To calculate the size of the **finished block** you need to multiply the size of your original squares by three, divide by two, then take off one. This will be the finished size of the block.
For example if you begin with **5-inch** squares the calculation would be as follows.

$$5 \times 3 = 15, \div 2 = 7\frac{1}{2} - 1 = 6\frac{1}{2} \text{ inches.}$$

6-inch squares would yield 8-inch blocks

7-inch squares would yield 9½- inch blocks

Making the blocks



Group your squares into sets of nine and arrange them in three rows with three squares in each row.

For maximum contrast place a dark square in the centre, a medium or light square on each side and a novelty or bright square in each corner.

Stitch the squares together to form a traditional nine patch.

Cut the block into four equal pieces by cutting through the block vertically and horizontally.

Repeat this with the remainder of your basic nine patch blocks until they are all stitched and cut into four.



Setting the blocks

Arrange the blocks either in rows or sets of four depending upon how many blocks you have in your finished quilt.

Experiment by turning the blocks and arranging in various ways to create the desired layout.

Here are a couple of suggestions.

Have fun!

