Hoping that everyone’s summer was wonderful.

Our first block of the month this year can be a stash buster.

We would like you to use a variety of creams for the light and for the darks use fall colors. This is a simple variation on a nine patch, with 6 solid blocks and 3 half square triangle blocks. You can follow precisely the directions given below or do as I did and cut 3 four inch blocks (4” x 4”) of the cream colors. Cut 3 more the same size using the fall colors. Layer a light and a dark putting right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light blocks. Sew a ¼” seam on each side of the drawn diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal line. Trim to 3.5” x 3.5” square. Repeat for the remaining two blocks. (This will leave you with 3 orphan half square triangle blocks that you can put aside to make a second block)

Arrange blocks as the illustration indicates and sew then press.

** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **

Cut three DARK 3-1/2” squares...

Cut three LIGHT 3-1/2” squares...

Cut three DARK 3-7/8” half square triangles... (HSTs= triangles that are one diagonal half of a square)

Cut three LIGHT 3-7/8” half square triangles...

Sew the HSTs together in pairs, matching one dark to each light, using a 1/4” seam, and pressing the seams to the darker sides. These should measure 3-1/2”...

Now lay out all units as shown at left. Sew three horizontal rows, pressing the seams in alternating directions by row. Join the rows to finish off your block!... on to Page 2!