

January Block of the Month –

DISAPPEARING 9 PATCH (Basic block)

This month we are featuring a technique for making a disappearing 9 patch. The finished block will be 13" (13 ½ unfinished).

FOR EACH DISAPPEARING 9 PATCH

You will start by making a 9 patch. Cut 9 @ 5" squares:

- 4 of a focus fabric for the corners
- 4 of a "sashing" fabric
- 1 of a "corner stone" fabric for center of 9 patch

Sew together for form a 9 patch (13 ½ finished; 14 unfinished)

Now comes the fun part!

CUT the block in half vertically and horizontally. I cut 2 ¼" from the seam. You now have 4 @ 7" squares

SHUFFLE by exchanging two blocks diagonally across for each other.

SEW together. You have made one basic block to raffle or keep. Make as many as you'd like. You can enter the raffle once for each block you make.

Another option (B) is to use your blocks as partially framed blocks. I have shown the layout for directional fabric. You can use this option if you are keeping your blocks.

See the instructions for the challenge block below

CUT

SHUFFLE A

OPTION B SHUFFLE



Using whatever technique you prefer, make 4 half-square triangles blocks. Trim to 6.25 inches. Arrange and sew as shown into an hourglass block, paying attention to placement of lights and darks. See figure 1.

Trim block to 12 inches. Divide into three equal parts (4 inches). Cut block into 9 equal size squares (4 inches). The red lines in Figure 2 show the cut lines.

Flip different sections as shown in Figure 3. Sew them back together. The block will look like Figure 3.

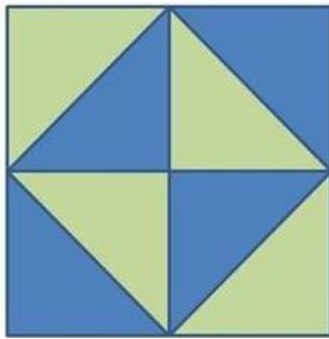


Figure 1

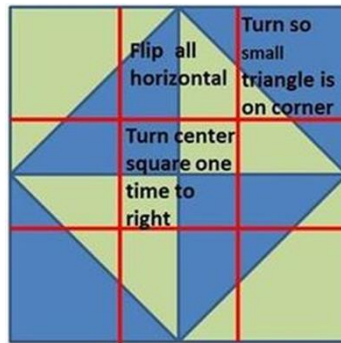


Figure 2

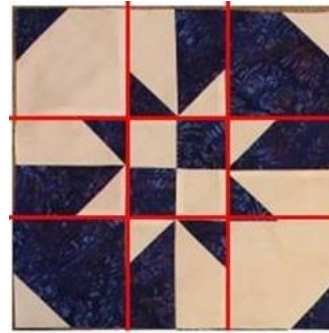


Figure 3