



Double Nine Patch

This block measures 9½ x 9½ inches unfinished, or 9 x 9 inches after it is sewn into a top with a ¼ inch seam allowance.

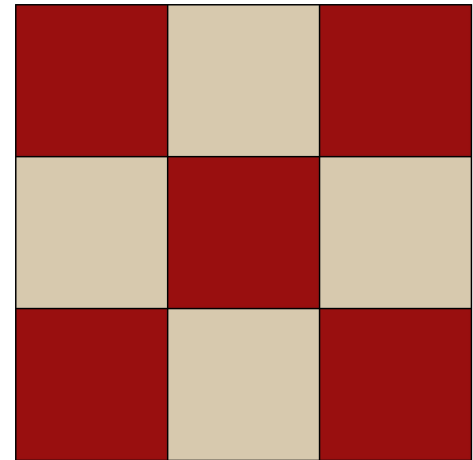
Cutting

You will need to cut the following pieces to make this block.

Quantity	Symbol	Shape	Fabric
4		3½" x 3½" square	Light, any color
5		3½" x 3½" square	Dark, any color

Piecing

Using a ¼" seam allowance, sew your pieces right sides together in the order and arrangement pictured below. Press each seam with a hot iron away from the lighter colored fabric. The number at the beginning of each step listed below refers to the number of times you need to perform that step.



9½" unfinished (9" finished)



Comments & Suggestions

- Common blocks such as this often have multiple names. This block is also known as Checkerboard Design, Simplex Star, and simply Nine Patch.
- Some block names have also been used for multiple blocks. For instance, Double Nine Patch can also refer to a nine patch block where five of the patches are also nine patch blocks.
- If you press your seam allowances away from the lighter colored fabric in this block, the fabric will “lock together” for more precise intersections.
- Pressing your seams away from the lighter colored fabric will also avoid the problem of having darker fabrics “shine through” the lighter colored one in the finished top.
- This block is suitable for chain piecing.

About Block Exchange

Any member of the Omaha Quilters' Guild is free to participate in Block Exchange, either for the whole year or on a block by block basis. Patterns are available on our web page and are passed out at the general guild meetings with a piece of focus fabric. You must turn in a completed block in order to enter the drawing for a set of blocks that will be awarded during the meeting, but you don't have to enter the drawing if you don't want to. This year's Block Exchange committee consists of Andy Laugel, Jeanette Podwinski, and Mary Schnitker. Feel free to talk to us if you have any questions.