

Kathy's Version of the Disappearing Nine Patch Quilt

46 ½ x 64 ½

This version uses nine fabrics, is stripped pieced, and has side borders only.

As simple as pie to make and yet so warm and cozy.

Use the extra block to make a matching pillow!

Select nine fabrics that go nicely together.

1 light, 4 medium, and 4 dark prints.



1/3 yard of NINE fabrics
cut each fabric into two – 5” strips

½ yard border
cut four strips – 4 ½” x 42”

½ yard binding
cut six – 2 ½” x 42” strips

3 ¼ yards quilt backing

½ yard pillow backing
cut two – 14 ½” x 16 ½” rectangles

16” pillow form



Sewing/Sewing Strips:

Test arrangement of fabrics by *Folding* and arranging them into a pleasing nine-patch block.



The medium fabrics were placed in the corners,
the dark fabrics in-between the mediums, and
the light in the very center.

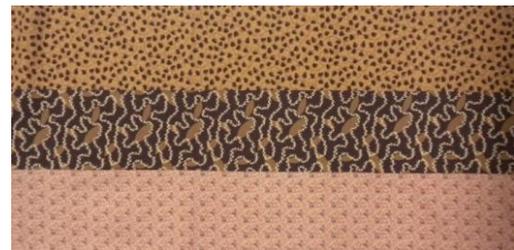
Unfold fabric and with right sides together, stitch top three fabrics together. Repeat with second set of identical fabrics. Press seams.



Stitch middle three fabrics together. Repeat with second set of identical fabrics. Press seams.



Stitch the bottom three fabrics together. Repeat with second set of identical fabrics. Press seams.



Place one set of three fabrics on your cutting mat. Make eight, 5" cuts from each set.



Repeat with the other set of the same three fabrics. Yields a total of sixteen units of each colorway.

Repeat for the other sets of three fabrics. There will be a total of 48 units.

Creating Blocks:

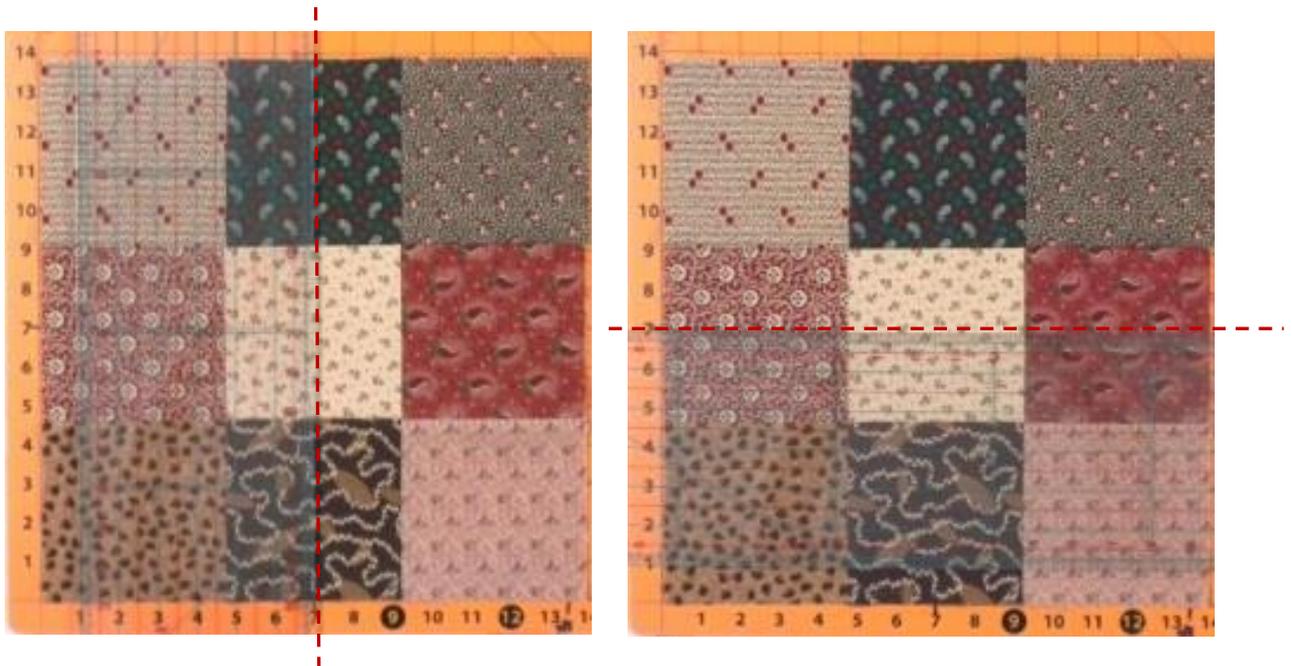
Arrange units into nine-patch blocks in the same order as you did on page 1. With right sides together and seams meeting, sew top row to middle row. Sew bottom row to middle row. (You might have to press some unit seams in the opposite directions for the row seams to snug up.)



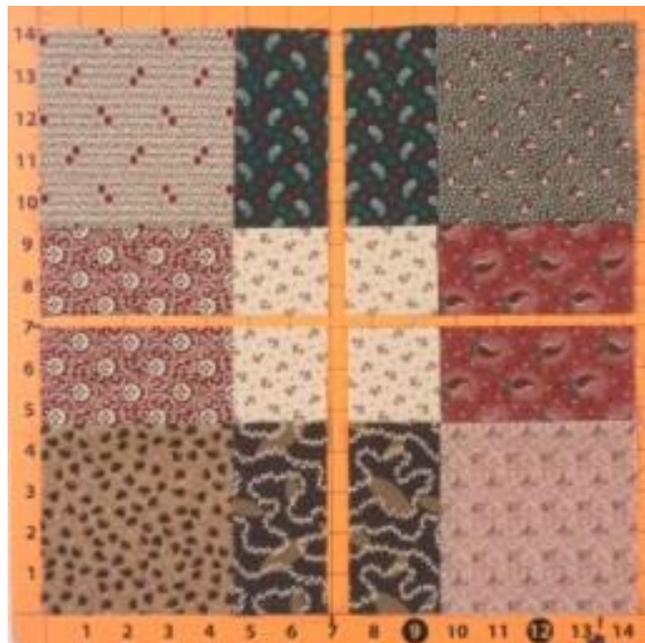
Blocks will measure 14" square.

Dividing the Blocks:

Cut each block in half vertically and horizontally. Blocks might be a little short of 14" depending on your seams and pressing. You can fudge a bit with this pattern and not see it on the quilt.



You will have four units from each block for a total of 64 units.



Now the fun part begins – Arrange the four units cut from a 9-patch block into a four patch. Try different arrangements as suggested below.



#1



#2



#3



#4

For the quilt shown on the front page, arrangement #4 was chosen. Choose to arrange your quilt this way, one of the other arrangements, or one of your own.

Four-Patch Blocks:

Stack units into the four-patch arrangement you have chosen.



It is easy to get confused as to the arrangement of the four patch. Best to sew one block and keep it handy as a reference when piecing the other units together.

With right sides together, sew the two top patches together. Press seam to the right.

Sew the two bottom patches together. Press seam to the left.

Sew top row to bottom row. Press seam.

Chain stitch the other units to create sixteen blocks. Blocks measure 13" square.

Arranging the Blocks:

Arrange the blocks by placing three blocks across and five blocks down. There again, you can get confused once you start sewing your blocks together. Once the blocks are laid out it is best to label the left column with a number such as, row 1, row 2, etc. Cut out the numbers on the last page and pin Row 1 to the left block in row one, pin Row 2 in the left block in row two, etc.

Sewing the Quilt Together:

With right sides facing and matching seams when necessary, sew the first and second block in Row 1 together. Sew the first and second block in Row 2 together. Continue until the first and second blocks in all rows are sewn together. Add the third block to Row 1, add the third block to Row 2, etc. Continue until all blocks are added to the rows.

Press seams in row one to the left, row two to the right, row three to the left, etc.

Sew Row 1 and Row 2 together, matching seams when necessary. Press seam. Add Row 3 and so on until all rows are sewn together.

Border:

Sew two border strips together. Repeat with other two strips. Measure side of each quilt. Cut strips to this measurement. With right sides facing, sew strip to each side of the quilt. Press seams.

With leftover border strips,

cut two strips 2 1/4" x 13 1/2"

cut two strips 2 1/4" x 16 1/2"

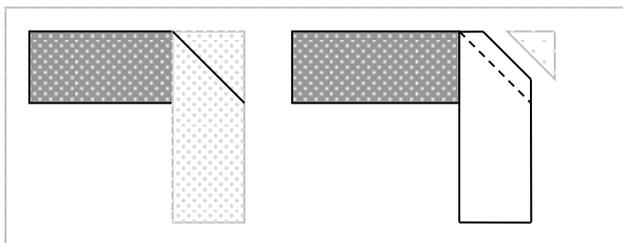
Set strips aside to use when making the pillow.

Note: If for some reason you do not have enough leftover border to cut the strips, you can use the leftover fabric after cutting out the pillow backing for the strips.

Binding:

Miter binding strips together. Do this by laying two binding strips right sides together as shown on the next page. Draw a line from the corner of the top strip to the corner of the bottom strip.

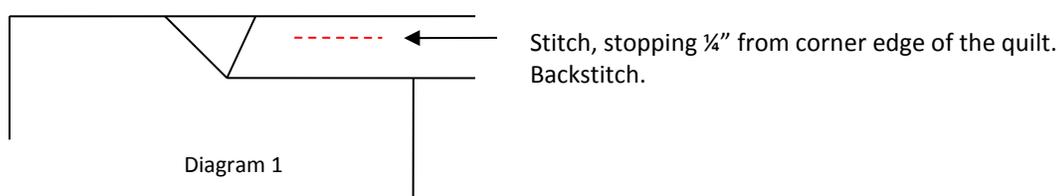
Stitch on the line. Trim away excess fabric leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam open. Repeat the above steps to join remaining strips together.



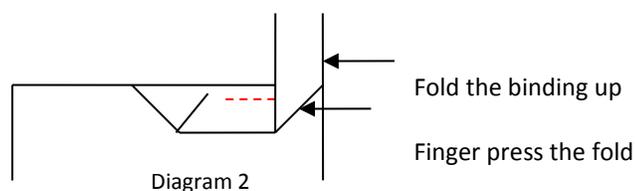
Trim left edge of binding on a 45° angle. Press under 1/4" on angled end. This is the beginning of the binding strip.

With wrong sides together, fold binding strip in half lengthwise. Press.

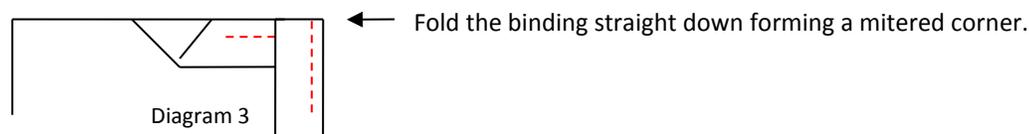
Pin the angled part of binding strip to edge of quilt top about 8" from a corner. Starting a few inches away from the binding angle and using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew the binding to the quilt lining up raw edges of binding with raw edges of quilt. Stitch until you are 1/4" from the corner. (See diagram 1.) Backstitch and cut threads.



Miter the corner by folding binding strip upward as shown below in diagram 2. Finger-press the diagonal fold.



Holding fold in place with your finger, bring strip down, this time having top fold line up with edge of quilt and raw edges aligned with other edge of quilt. (See diagram 3.)



Continue sewing binding on repeating the above at each corner. Stop sewing as you near the beginning. Trim excess binding leaving enough to tuck into beginning binding. Finish sewing the binding in place.

Bring binding to back of quilt and slipstitch in place.

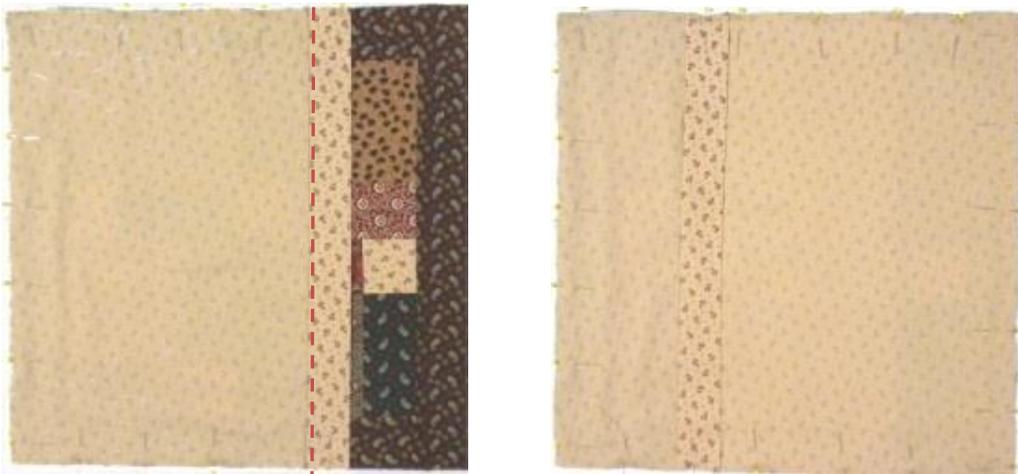
Bonus Pillow using Leftover Block:

Sew the 2 ¼" x 13 ½" strips to each side of pillow block. Press seam away from block.

Sew the 2 ¼" x 16 ½" strips to top and bottom of pillow block. Press seam away from block.

Press under ½" on one of the 16 ½" sides of pillow backing. Press under again 2 ½". Repeat with the other backing piece. Each backing piece should now measure 11 ½" x 16 ½". Stitch along inside folded edge. (see red dashes below – do this before attaching backing to pillow block.)

With right sides facing, Pin one backing piece to side of block with fold towards center. Repeat for other side of block.



Stitch along outer edges of pillow using a 3/8" seam allowance. Stitch again using a ¼" seam allowance from outer edge. This will make the seam strong for turning and stuffing the pillow.

Turn right side out. Carefully poke out corners. Insert pillow form.

Now wasn't that easy?



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Row 1	Row 2	Row 3	Row 4	Row 5
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