

NOVEMBER 2010 BLOCK-A-MONTH

SCRAPPY SPLIT NINE PATCH

9" finished

This block pattern is a great way to use up your scrap stash and there are lots of possible ways to set the blocks. The key to the success of the block is high contrast between your light and dark fabrics.



Fabric & Cutting:

--From six different dark fabrics, cut:
Three 3-1/2" squares
Three 3-7/8" squares

--From six different light fabrics, cut:
Three 3-1/2" squares
Three 3-7/8" squares

Sewing:

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the three 3-7/8" light squares. Pair each one with one of the dark 3-7/8" squares, right sides together, and stitch 1/4" away from the drawn diagonal line on both sides of the line. Cut along the drawn line and press the seam to the darker fabric. You will end up with six half-square triangle patches – three for this block and three for your next block.

Using three of these half-square triangle patches along with your light and dark 3-1/2" squares, lay them into three rows as illustrated in the photo above. Sew three horizontal rows, pressing seams in alternating directions by row. Join the rows together and press seams toward the outside. Your block should measure 9-1/2" square.

Using your three leftover half-square triangle patches, cut an additional three 3-1/2" light squares and three 3-1/2" dark squares and create a second block. Two for the price of one.....almost!!!

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