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9 Patch Cross



Before you get started, please carefully read through all the fabric requirements and method. Also, please check that your sewing machine is sewing correctly i.e. the tension - make sure it's not gathering the fabric or that the base thread is lying on the fabric's surface.

FABRIC TYPE

Please use only quilting-weight cotton fabric, i.e., no curtaining, stretch, suiting, or upholstery fabrics. We are also unable to use blocks that include licensed fabrics.

COLOUR CHOICE

1 dark and 1 light in any of blue, purple or green - solid or semi solids & blenders preferred.

Please make sure that they are a light and dark of the same colour option

Cream, white or white on white to accompany - please use the same fabric throughout the block.



CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Light Fabric - 4 x 4.5" squares

Dark Fabric - 1 x 4.5" square AND 4 x rectangle 2" x 4.5"

White (or cream) - 8 x rectangle 1.75" x 4.5" AND 1 rectangle 2.5" x 12.5"
AND 1 rectangle 2.5" x 15"

METHOD

Please use a 1/4-inch seam throughout, check your measurements as you go so that all the blocks fit together.

1. Stitch one dark strip to the righthand side of 1 white strip and press the seam towards the dark fabric. Do this for all four dark rectangles.



2. Then add a second white strip to the other long side of the dark fabric and press again towards the dark fabric. Repeat for all four dark strips.



This unit should measure 4 ½" square trim if necessary

3. Making sure that the dark strip is in the centre, add a light square to each of the two, long white sides and press towards the light blue fabric.



4. Repeat Step 3 once so that you have 2 units as shown in Step 3 and put these aside.
These units should measure 12 ½" x 4 ½" trim if necessary
5. Take the dark square and sew a 3 striped unit to one side, the short edges of the stripes should be touching the square. Press towards the dark square.



6. Taking the remaining striped unit, add this to the opposite side of the dark square and press the seam towards the dark square.



This unit should measure 12 ½" x 4 ½" trim if necessary

7. Lay out your three lines as shown and join each row in turn to give a 9-patch square. Press well with seams towards the light squares.



This will give a 12 ½ " square

8. Using your shorter white strip (12.5"), add sashing to one edge of the square. If you have used a directional print, please use the left edge, if you haven't then please don't worry!



9. Turn your block so that the 1st sashing is to the lefthand side then.... Add the longer sashing piece to the top of the block



This block should measure 14 ½”

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