

Disappearing (or Split) 9-Patch Block

A quilt made with this block may be as simple (three colors, strip pieced) or complicated (multiple scraps) as desired. It may be made to any size using any size block.

Basic construction of an individual block:

Cut all squares to the same size (i.e. 3-1/2" squares).

Arrange in a nine-patch with the darkest or most vibrant color in the center square.

The four corners should be the focus fabric as this one will not be sliced.

The four inner squares may be a light background or a color that coordinates with the focus fabric.

Sew together in either two columns or three rows – your choice but it should be consistent for each block. Press the seams towards the background colors (in this case the seams were pressed towards the green fabric in columns). Sew the three sections together and press toward the center row or column.



Next we “disappear” or “split” the nine-patch by cutting both vertically and horizontally through the background and center squares.

are in outside corners.

Now take two diagonal corner squares and turn them so that the center block pieces



Sew the sections back together. Press the first seam in one direction before sewing the two halves together. Before pressing the second seam, clip the threads previously sewn so that the center



seams form a small four-patch then proceed to press the seams in clockwise (or counter-clockwise) direction. The final four seams should all go the same direction which will make matching and sewing rows and columns very easy.

This method also removes the bulk where the seams meet.

This is the finished block.



Disappearing (or Split) 9-Patch Quilts

Square Size	9-Patch as sewn	Split Block Size	Finishes -	One selvage to selvage fabric strip should yield this many blocks:
6-1/2"	18-1/2"	18"	17-1/2"	Square: 6-1/2" 6
5-1/2"	15-1/2"	15"	14-1/2"	5-1/2" 7
4-1/2"	12-1/2"	12"	11-1/2"	4-1/2" 8
3-1/2"	9-1/2"	9"	8-1/2"	3-1/2" 11
2-1/2"	6-1/2"	6"	5-1/2"	2-1/2" 16

Quilt Sizes & Blocks required:

Square Size	Number of Blocks	Layout	Approx. Size	Square Size	Number of Blocks	Layout	Approx. Size
6-1/2"	9	3 x 3	52.5" sq	5-1/2"	9	3 x 3	43.5" sq
	12	3 x 4	52.5 x 70		12	3 x 4	43.5 x 58
	16	4 x 4	70" sq		16	4 x 4	58" sq
	20	4 x 5	70 x 87.5		20	4 x 5	58 x 72.5
	25	5 x 5	87.5" sq		25	5 x 5	72.5" sq
				30	5 x 6	72.5 x 87	
4-1/2"	9	3 x 3	34.5" sq	3-1/2"	16	4 x 4	34" sq
	12	3 x 4	34.5 x 46		20	4 x 5	34 x 42.5
	16	4 x 4	46" sq		25	5 x 5	42.5" sq
	20	4 x 5	46 x 57.5		30	5 x 6	42.5 x 51
	25	5 x 5	57.5" sq		42	6 x 7	51 x 59.5
	30	5 x 6	57.6 x 69		56	7 x 8	59.5 x 68
	36	6 x 6	69" sq		72	8 x 9	68 x 76.5
	42	6 x 7	69 x 80.5		90	9 x 10	76.5 x 85
56	7 x 8	80.5 x 92	110	10 x 11	85 x 93.5		
2-1/2"	56	7 x 8	38.5 x 44	Yardage Requirements: Each block requires: 1 square of dark or vibrant color 4 squares of background or light 4 squares of focus or scraps			
	72	8 x 9	44 x 49.5				
	90	9 x 10	49.5 x 55				
	110	10 x 11	55 x 60.5				
	132	11 x 12	60.5 x 66				
	156	12 x 13	66 x 71.5				
	182	13 x 14	71.5 x 77				
	210	14 x 15	77 x 82.5				
	224	14 x 16	77 x 88				

Formulas to determine fabric requirements:

	Center squares:	Focus & Background squares
Number of blocks:	_____	_____
Multiply by:	1	4
Equals:	_____	_____
Divide by squares per strip:	_____	_____
Equals number of strips:	_____	_____

Multiply number of strips by size of square to find the total inches of fabric required.