

## Block of the Month – Disappearing Nine Patch Variation

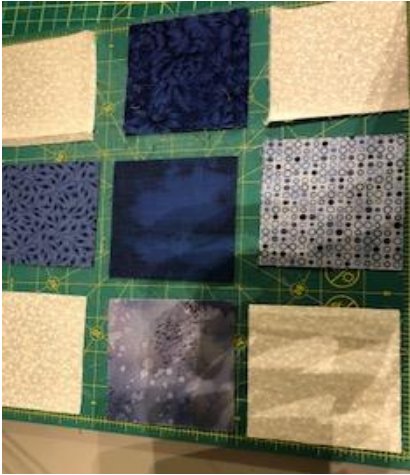
This month it starts off easy – a basic nine-patch. Then we cut it up and rearrange it to something that doesn't even look like it started that way! The trick is to have the four corners all background/same colour. Here is what you need:

**Background** – four 3 ½ inch squares

**Coloured fabrics** – 5 different colour 3 ½” squares

Make your Nine-patch with the background placed in the outer corners of the block (Picture 1). Sounds easy enough! Next – cut your block into 4 quarters across the diagonal and horizontal. Okay, still easy. Next, cut 4 more times, this time on the angle as shown here (Picture 2).

Picture 1:



Picture 2:



If you have a cat, now is the time to have them walk all over the block and rearrange them for you. I promise – they will come up with a new design.

Failing that, take two of the four center triangles and replace them to the outer corners of the center triangles you left in place. This will look like you have 2 square outlines. With the two triangles you moved, put them with the background fabric forming a diagonal line and the edges of the squares will then form small squares in the corners. So much easier to follow a picture than all this talking! See Pictures 3 and 4.

Sew back together and press seams open to reduce bulk.

Picture 3:



Picture 4:

