

# Making a Nine Patch Block without Cutting Individual Squares

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## Introduction

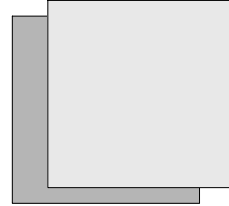
To make **nine patches**, you need squares measuring the desired finished block size + 1-1/2". This process works easiest with finished sizes that are divisible by 3. (See table)

You need to have as many squares to start as the number of blocks you want to make. To have a checkerboard effect, have the same number of light and dark squares. If you are making an odd number of blocks you will need to have an extra square to start and will make an extra block.

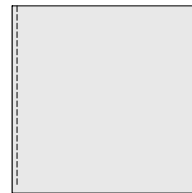
Finished Block Size	Squares Measurement	Size to Cut After Stitching
3"	4-1/2"	1-1/2"
3-3/4"	5-1/4"	1-3/4"
4-1/2"	6"	2"
5-1/4"	6-3/4"	2-1/4"
6"	7-1/2"	2-1/2"
6-3/4"	8-1/4"	2-3/4"
7-1/2"	9"	3"
8-1/4"	9-3/4"	3-1/4"
9"	10-1/2"	3-1/2"
9-3/4"	11-1/4"	3-3/4"
10-1/2"	12"	4"
11-1/4"	12-3/4"	4-1/4"
12"	13-1/2"	4-1/2"

## Process (Example in parentheses.)

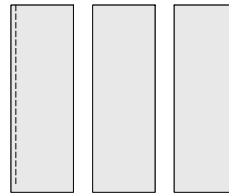
1. Layer a light and dark square (9-3/4"), right sides together.



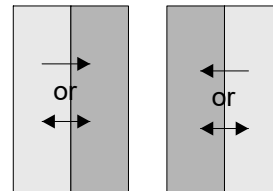
2. Stitch down opposite sides.



3. Cut into strips, one third the width of squares, (3-1/4") parallel to stitching.

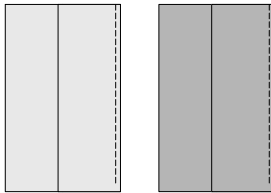


4. Press the seams of the pieced strips open or toward the dark fabric. (Pieced strips measure 6" x 9-3/4".)

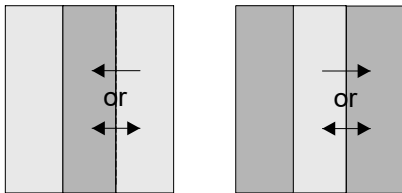


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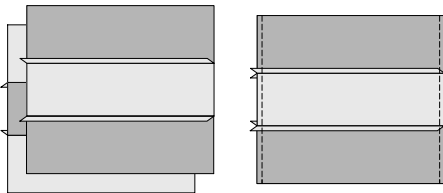
5. Stitch (3-1/4") middle strips to pieced strips, always stitching light strips to dark fabric and dark strips to light fabric.



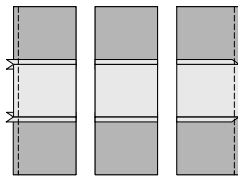
6. Press the seams of the stripped pieces open or opposite previously pressed seam, that is, toward the dark fabric. (*The stripped pieces measure 8-3/4" x 9-3/4".*)



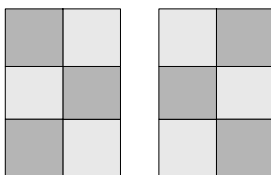
7. Layer 2 pieced sections, right sides together, matching or nesting seams, so light strips are against dark strips and dark strips are against light strips. Stitch down shorter sides across seams.



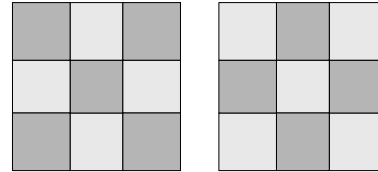
8. Cut into strips, using the same measurement as step 2 (3-1/4").



9. Press seams open or furl the seams.



10. Stitch pieced middle sections (3-1/4") to outer pieced sections (6"), matching or nesting seams to get 2 nine patch blocks. Be sure to stitch light sections to dark sections. (*8-3/4" x 8-3/4" cut size; 8-1/4" x 8-1/4" finished size*) Press seams open or furl.



**Wheelchair Quilt**

- 8 (eight) 9-3/4" light squares or 5/8 yd
- 8 (eight) 9-3/4" dark squares or 5/8 yd
- 1/2 yd for borders (Cut 2 pieces at 3-1/2" x 33-1/2" and 2 pieces 3-1/2" x 39-1/2")
- 3/8 yd for binding (Cut 5 strips at 2-1/4" x wof.)

