

2011 – 2012 Nine Patch Challenge

This is a fun little project to help you dig deeper into your stash! It is an exchange of nine patch blocks that will last one year, so you must be willing to commit. At the end of the guild year you should have nine patches identical to every other participant in your Group. You must use all the nine patches in your finished quilt and you can set them into your quilt however you wish. Hopefully we can post some photos on our website!

****To join, sign-up by September 6 by sending an email note to cdeville@rogers.com ****
Please include your name, phone number and indicate your choice of SCRAPPY or BATIK exchange group

I will send you back an email note confirming your Group Name and the number of nine patch blocks you are to complete each month along with complete instructions. The number is dependent on how many people sign up, but it will not exceed 20 blocks per month

Fabric Guidelines

- 100% high quality quilters' cotton
- smaller prints work better with the 3 ½" (with s/a) block size we're making
- metallic finishes can be distracting
- your fabrics must have a very definite dark/light contrast from each other
- Use only 2 fabrics per month, 1 light, 1 dark – all your blocks must be identical. The next month, use 2 new fabrics & so on through the year
- plaids or stripes may give you trouble with contrast

Instructions

- sign-up for the challenge by September 6 by sending an email note to cdeville@rogers.com You will then be assigned to a Group.
- Prewash all your fabrics
- dark fabric is in the 5 position, light fabric is in the 4 position
- cut your strips 1 ½" wide
- there must be clear contrast in the two fabrics
- all blocks are to be well pressed and trimmed
- finished size is 3 ½" including seam allowance
- you must make a 3 ½" template to check your finished size
- you must use a machine that is in good working order
- place your finished blocks in a ziplock bag labelled with Your Name and your Group Name and drop off at the beginning of each meeting.
- Pick up your sorted blocks at the following meeting

I am not the quilt police so you must check the quality of your own work and you must remember that you will receive some blocks that you do not like, that is part of the challenge. Heed the "quilt karma". If you use poor quality fabrics and shoddy workmanship, it may come back to bite you.

