

Community Quilts Block of the Month June 2021

Scrappy Split Nine-Patch¹

This month your block kit will have 3 light and 3 dark triangles (used to make three 3.5" HST squares), along with 3 light and 3 dark 3.5" squares.

The final Split Nine-Patch block is a square measuring 9.5".

Please Note:

- The block shapes have been cut using the Accuquilt Go! fabric cutter and are therefore quite accurate² which means that a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is more important than ever. If you are unsure please check that your seam size is a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " before starting.
- The relatively small size of the HSTs means that we do not expect to have a problem with the bias edge stretching however, as always, treat bias edges with respect.
- PLEASE do NOT trim your blocks at any stage.



Assembling the Split Nine-Patch Block

1. Lay out the block as shown in the photo above, making sure that the block has a light side and a dark side.
2. With right sides together and matching the corners for the first pair of triangles³ sew along the bias edge and press the seam to the dark side. Repeat for the 2 other pairs.
3. With right sides together sew the 3.5" patches together across the rows, maintaining the layout established in step 1.
4. As the patches in all three rows are being sewn press the seams to facilitate nesting as you join the rows. For example, you can press the top and bottom row seams to the left and the centre row seams to the right.
5. Join the rows, nesting the seam intersections, to complete the block and press.

¹ The inspiration for this month's quilt(s) using Split Nine-Patch blocks comes from "Combing Through your Scraps" by Karen Combs (2000).

² Some inaccuracy can occur with loosely woven or lightweight fabric. Or if fabric is inadvertently fed through the machine along the width of the fabric (stretches more) rather than along the more stable length of the fabric (grain). In all cases the shape can be slightly smaller (never larger!) than it should be.

³ If you find that one HST shape is slightly smaller than its matching HST shape match the pair at the square corner rather than at the bias edge and sew your scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " bias seam using the larger HST shape bias edge as your guide.