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Now lay out the squares as shown at left. Using a scant 1/4" seam allowance, sew three horizontal rows of squares. Press seams towards the darker fabric. Join the rows and the block is complete! If your seam allowances are accurate, this will measure 12-1/2"!

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**Sewing seams that are just the tiniest bit LESS THAN a true 1/4" seam will help you get blocks that come out the finished size you expect them to be! This is because a small amount of block width is lost in every pressed over seam! That slightly**

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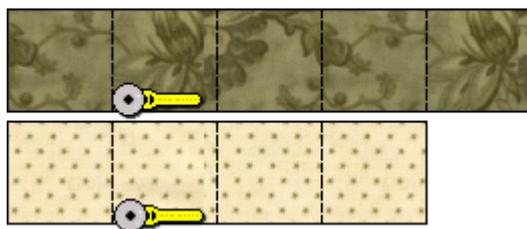
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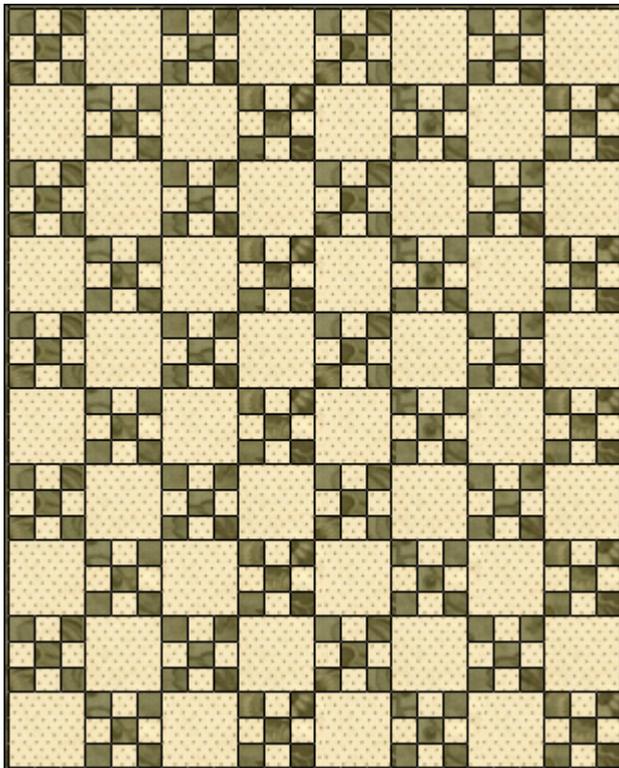


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Here's a simple quilt that alternates Nine Patch blocks, and solid blocks of the same size! It's simple, yet makes a very striking quilt!

Happy Quilting!

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[Here's one that Ruthie made!](#)

[And a photo-shoot of the process!](#)

**\*\* Supplies List \*\***



Color

1

Color 1 needs: one 4-1/2" x 22-1/2" strip



Color

2

Color 2 needs: one 4-1/2" x 18" strip

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