

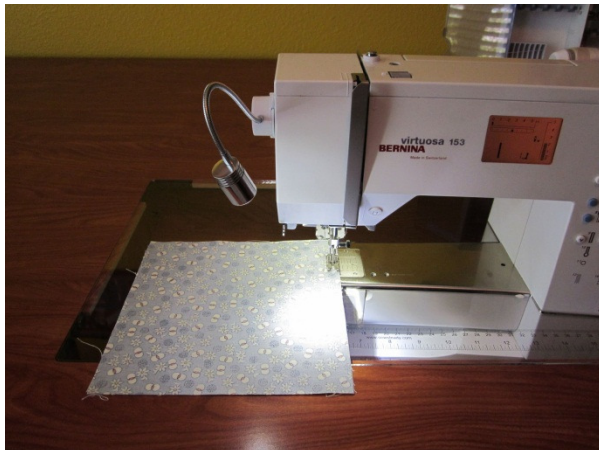
Tommy's Instructions for Nine Patch

Please note that this is **NOT** an original technique of mine

1. Start with two 8" squares of fabric, one light and one dark.



2. Place the fabrics rights sides together, lining up the non-stretchy sides of the fabric. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along both the right and left sides of the squares.



(first seam allowance along right edge)



(turn squares 180 degrees & sew along opposite edge)

3. Trim the block $2\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the cut edge, parallel to the seam allowance sewn in step 2. (see figure 4). Trim the remaining middle strip to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (see figure 5 & 6).



(figure 4)



(figure 5)



(figure 6)

4. Press the sewn strips toward the dark fabric and open up. Pair the pressed strips with the singleton strips from the middle section to create opposite patterns (see figure 7). After sewing press toward the dark fabric and open up (see figure 8).



(figure 7)

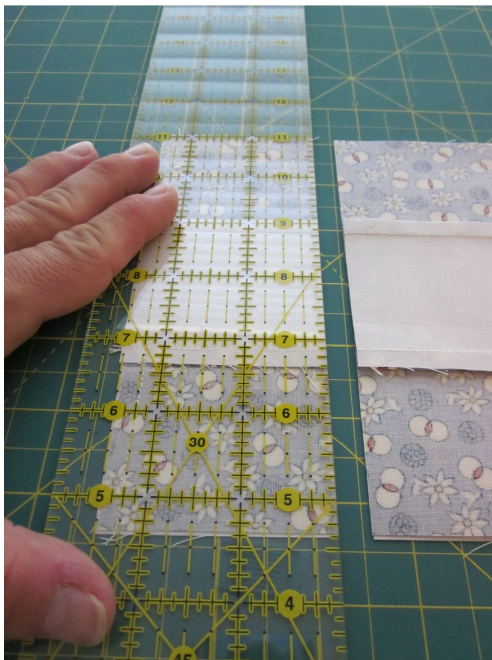


(figure 8)

5. Place one set of sewn strips right sides together with the other set of strips. If all seams have been set toward the dark fabric, the seams should “nest” together to help align the seams. Sew along both sides of the newly created square.



6. Once sewn, trim the block $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” away from the cut edges parallel to the seam just sewn (see figure 10). The remaining center section will also need to be trimmed to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” (see figure 11).



(figure 10)



(figure 11)

7. Press the seams toward the side of the strip with two dark squares and open up the strips. Pair the sewn strips with the singleton strip from the middle portion to create the makings for a positive and negative version of the Nine Patch block (see figure 14).

8. Turn the singleton strip over so that it is right sides together with the double strip of squares. If all seams have been pressed properly, the seams will “nest” together making it easy to align for sewing. Sew the singleton strip to the double strip (see figure 15).



(figure 14)



(figure 15)

9. Press the seams toward the side of the block with two dark squares. Open up the block and voila...you have two Nine Patch blocks which are reverse images of one another (see figure 16).



(figure 16)