

Nine Patch Project – June Mellinger

Your premade nine patch block!

Notions

- Batting (Warm and Natural)
- Open toe foot
- Stitch in the ditch foot
- Adjustable blind hem foot or edge joining sewing foot
- Contrasting thread for top stitching
- Quilting needle or top stitching needle

Instructions

1. Turn 9 patch block over and press the seams on the reverse side
2. Square the patch and measure
3. Stack pieces of batting, backing right side up and block right side down.
4. Trim with rotary cutter
5. On one side mark with dots 3 inches apart at the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam line
6. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam around 4 sides starting at one dot with a reinforcement stitch
7. Turn right sides out and use a pointed tool to be sure each of the 4 corners is crisply turned
8. Press the 3 inch opening
9. Do
 - a. Set a centered straight stitch
 - b. Set your stitch length to 3 mm
 - c. Use an open toed foot so you can have a clear vision of the stitching
 - d. Stitch diagonal lines from corner to corner of the nine patch
 - e. With stitch in the ditch foot, stitch around the 4 outside edges of the 9 patch. Have seam set to close the pressed opening
 - f. With the edge stitching foot attached, stitch a topstitch around the outer edges of the square
 - g. To make the tray, fold at corners and sew from inside to outer edge

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