

9-Patch Pivot

Finished size: 66 1/2" x 77 1/2"

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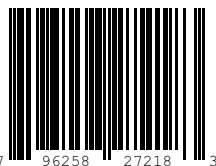
Materials Needed:

21 fat quarters
Neutral 1 1/4 yards
Binding 5/8 yard
Backing 5 yards

Sample Quilt

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Fabrics: Harvest Road by Lella Boutique for Moda

CAQ-027



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A Fat Quarter Quilt

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Sewing Instructions

Please read through all instructions before beginning. Sew pieces right sides together with 1/4" seam allowance. Fabric is assumed to have 42" usable width, unwashed. Fat quarters are assumed to be 18" x 21". WOF means Width of Fabric. Directional arrows indicate the suggested pressing direction. **Before you begin, check my website for any pattern updates.**

Cutting Instructions

*Cut carefully. We are going to use almost every bit of each fat quarter!
See the diagram at right for a visual representation.*

From each of the (21) Fat Quarters

- Cut (1) strip 10" x 21". Subcut that strip into (2) 10" squares (42 total).
- Cut (3) strips **2 1/4"** x 21" (63 total).

Neutral

- Cut (29) strips 1 1/2" x WOF
- Subcut (84) 5 3/4" x 1 1/2"
- Subcut (84) 7 3/4" x 1 1/2"

*Note: we so often cut things 2 1/4".
I highlighted this so you remember
these strips are to be 2 1/4". Use a
sticker on your ruler if that helps!*

10" Squares (from above)

- Cut all (42) 10" squares in half on the diagonal twice. Set aside.

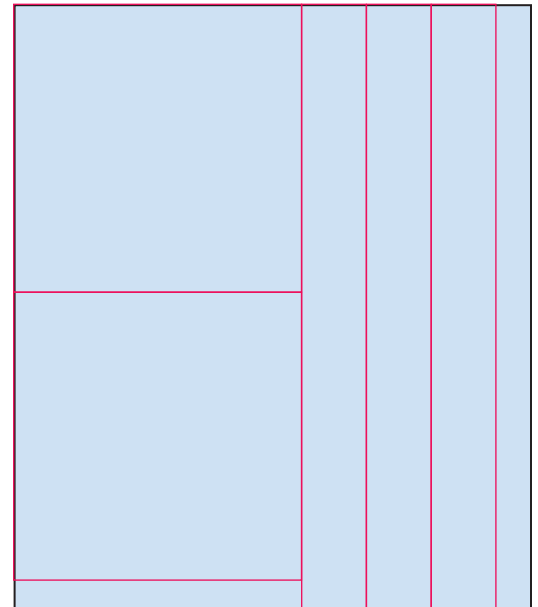
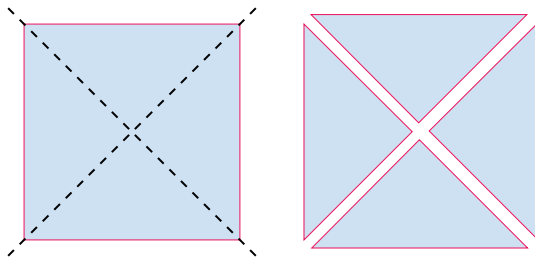


Figure A

Assembly

1. Above, you cut (63) 2 1/4" strips from the fat quarters. Separate them into (7) groups with (9) strips each. I took a photograph of my groups to use as a guide for block creation. (Figure A)

Figure B

2. Start with **GROUP ONE**.
Sew (3) stripsets, each made up of (3) strips. (Figure B)

Press the top stripset to the left.
Press the middle stripset to the right.
Press the bottom stripset to the left.

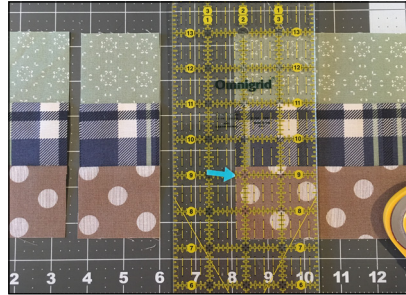
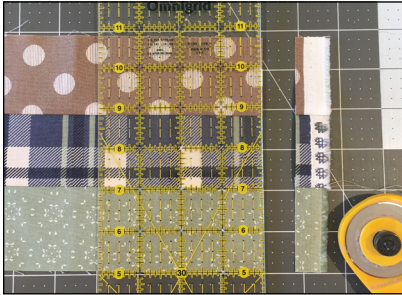
This will allow you to nest seams during
9-patch assembly.



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- Square up one end of each stripset. Then crosscut (6) pieces $2\frac{1}{4}$ " wide from each of the (3) stripsets from **GROUP ONE**. Each cross cut piece will measure $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{3}{4}$ ".



You will have some left over on each stripset. That is okay. You could use those leftovers to make up a small, scrappy project someday!

- Nest seams and sew the pieces from step three together to make (6) identical nine-patch blocks. Press to either direction. You have completed **GROUP ONE**.



(Make 6 just like this from **GROUP ONE**.)

- Repeat steps one through four for **GROUP TWO** through **GROUP SEVEN**.

You will have a total of (42) nine-patch blocks. Each 9-patch block will measure $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x $5\frac{3}{4}$ ".



- Sew a neutral $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the top and bottom of the nine-patch block. Press to the neutral.
- Then sew a neutral $7\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the left and right of the nine-patch block. Press to the neutral.

Repeat so that you have (42) nine-patch blocks with neutral sashings.

Each block will measure $7\frac{3}{4}$ " x $7\frac{3}{4}$ ".



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8. Sew matching triangles (cut on page 1) to the top and bottom of a nine-patch block.

Be sure to center the triangles on the block.

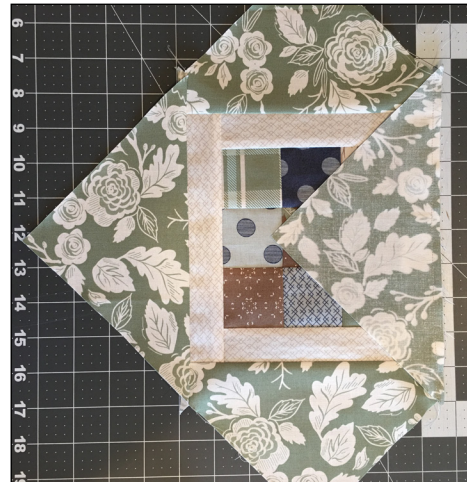
Press toward the triangles.
Trim the “ears.”



9. Sew matching triangles to the left and right of the nine-patch block.

Be sure to center the triangles on the block.

Press toward the triangles.



10. Square up the block to 11 1/2" x 11 1/2". Here is a tip for centering and trimming/squaring your block:
All four sides should be trimmed 5 3/4" from center. ($5 \frac{3}{4} + 5 \frac{3}{4} = 11 \frac{1}{2}$ ")



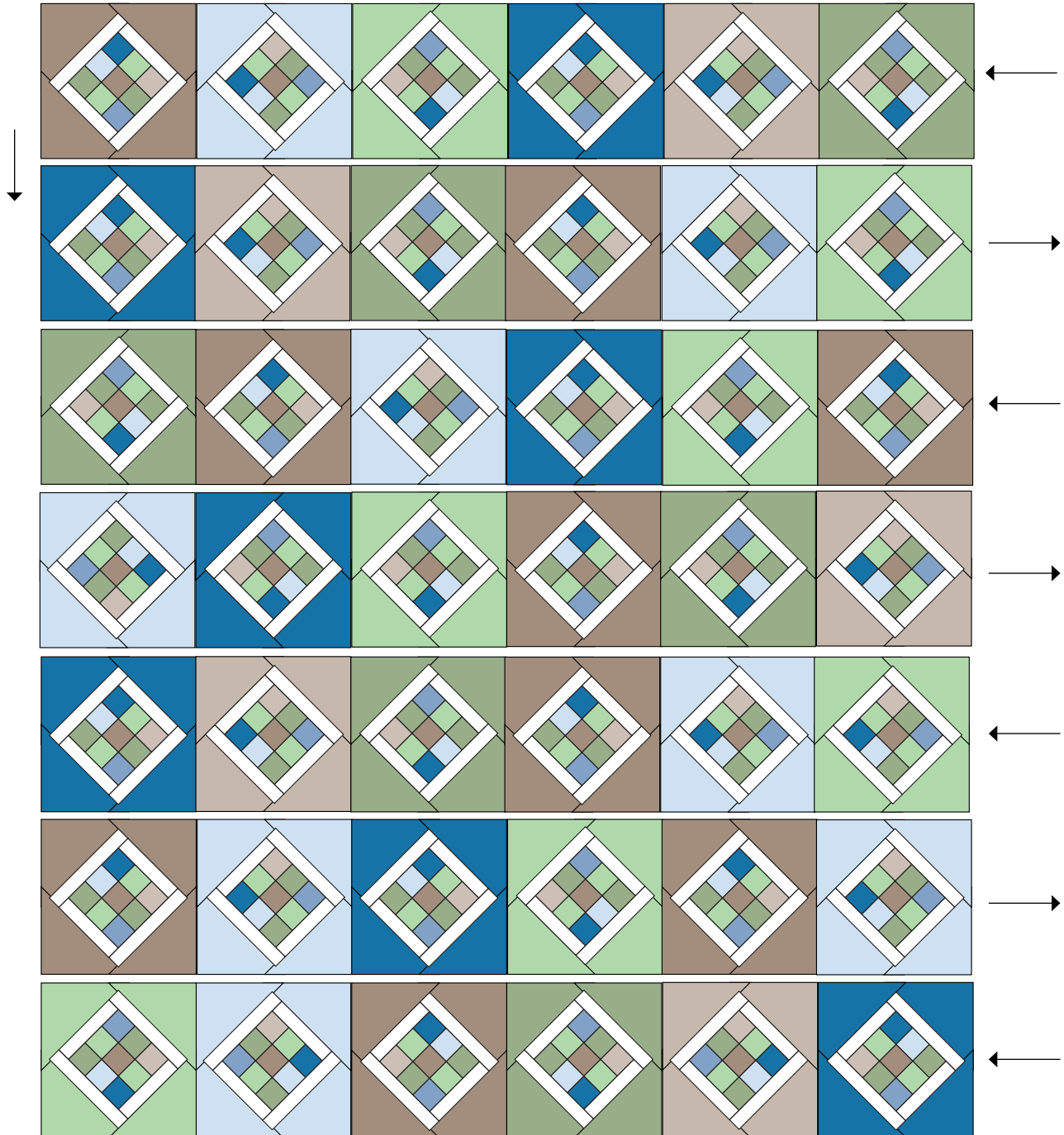
11. Repeat steps 8-10 until you have a total of (42) blocks.
Each block will measure 11 1/2" x 11 1/2".

Notice how the inner 9-patch blocks are “floating.” (They are more than 1/4" inch away from each block edge.) Great news: you won't have to match points when you assemble your blocks on the next page!

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12. Lay out your (42) blocks as shown in the diagram below. Move them around and rotate them also so that the inner nine-patch parts of each block appear more random when looking at the whole quilt. Take a picture with your phone or ipad. You can refer to the photograph for block placement as you sew your quilt top together.
13. Sew the blocks together from left to right, creating (7) rows. Press row 1 to the left. Press row 2 to the right. Continue pressing in that alternating manner.
14. Sew the (7) rows together from top to bottom. Press to one direction (i.e. to the bottom).



Finishing

Quilt and bind as desired. I use 2 1/4" wide strips for my binding.

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