

Block of the Month March 2024

Alternating Nine Patch

Due April 16th 2024

Valentine's Day always reminds me of how much I love pink and red together. Use any pink and red fabric especially any that have a both colors.

This nine patch uses 1/4 square triangles and squares. There are two variations needed to complete the quilt block, one with 4 triangle patches and 5 squares and one with 5 triangle patches and 4 squares. You may complete either one or both. Please bring in any extra 1/4 square triangle patches you make.

Materials:

5 — 5" squares of pink or red fabric, use as many different fabrics as you have.

5 — 5" squares of white fabric(I use Kona Snow)

9 — 4" red and pink squares

Directions: Use the 1/2 square triangle method:

With the right side of the 5" square of colored fabric facing up place a 5" square of white on top. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the white fabric. Sew a 1/4" seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press the seam to the colored side of the half square triangle.

To make the 1/4 square triangle place the two half square triangles right sides together nesting the seams. Draw a diagonal line that bisects your seams. Sew a 1/4" seam on either side of the line and cut apart on the line. Press seams open. You will have two 1/4 square triangles.

Repeat with all 5" squares. You will make 10 1/4 square triangles and have one left over.

Arrange and sew the 1/4 square triangles with the 4" blocks to make two different nine patch blocks as shown in the diagram. All 1/4 square triangle blocks should be aligned with the colored fabric up and down (like an hourglass).



