

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – January 2023

SCRAPPY NINE PATCH

Blues and Grays

Block Size 12 1/2 (unfinished)

Many of us have fabric scraps left over from our quilt projects. This month's Block of the Month is designed to use some of those scraps. You will be making eight (8) 4 1/2" scrappy squares. The center square is a solid or tone-on-tone square.



Fabric Requirements and Cutting Directions

Choose a selection of about twenty-four (24) scraps in the same colorway – [all blues and grays](#).

Use various widths, 1 1/2" to 2 1/2" or larger by 5" long.

Cut one (1) solid or tone-on-tone 4 1/2" X 4 1/2" square for center that is [Blue](#).

Sewing Instructions for Making the Scrappy 4 1/2" squares

Part A – Choose the method you wish to use.

Method 1 –

Choose three (3) scraps that go well together and sew them together.

Press so both seams go towards the center fabric.

Trim to make a 4 1/2" X 4 1/2" square. Make eight (8) square this way.

Go to Part B

Method 2 –

Sew the 24 rectangles together to make a strip that is about 36" long.

Press all seams in the same direction.

Sub cut into eight (8) 4 1/2" X 4 1/2" squares. (You may have to tweak the cutting line a bit, so you don't have a very narrow scrap on the outside edge.)

Go to Part B

Part B

Lay out the squares as shown in the example, with the solid square in the center.

The scrappy squares are laid out like a Rail Fence Block.

Sew the three squares in each row together. Then sew the three rows together.

Press the seams towards the center now.

The block should measure 12 1/2" X 12 1/2." Do not trim.