

2" 1/2 Square Triangles and Log Cabin Designs

Making a nine patch square – 1/2 dark and 1/2 light

1. To make a 2" 1/2 square triangle that is 1/2 dark and 1/2 light. Cut dark and light scraps into 3" squares. Lay one dark over one light. Cut in half on the diagonal. Sew a 1/4 " seam and press to the dark. Trim to a 2" square. This will give you 2 – 1/2 square triangles. You will need two for each 9 patch. You will want to mix your colours. I also sew two triangles together ignoring grain line, press to dark and trim to a 2" square. Because you are working with many colours I suggest you use grey thread.
2. You will also need 3 dark 2" squares and 3 light 2" squares for each 9 patch. You may find that one fabric reads dark with one fabric and with another fabric reads light.
3. For the centre square you will need a red 2" square or another dark square. The Amish used a red square as a replica of the hearth which was the centre of the home
4. To find log cabin patterns google log cabin quilt designs and choose one that appeals to you for a pattern for a quilt that you would to make.

Make 9 – 9 patches for the October meeting. We will play with putting them together in October. Put your name on your squares so that when we use the blocks to play with the designs you will get your blocks back. Your blocks should be 5 " square.

Bring your finished blocks, cut squares, sewing machine, sewing supplies and your camera to the October meeting.

I have a box of dark squares, a box of light squares and a box of 1/2 square triangles. I cut my left over scraps into 2" squares and throw out anything that is smaller.

