

Flying Squares

This block is also known as "High Flying Squares" or "Rolling 9-Patch".

Supplies - This is pretty basic piecing, so just your usual sewing supplies are needed. (sewing machine, thread, pins, rotary cutter, ruler, etc.)

Fabric - This block can be made in 2 ways. Option A is quite scrappy with a common background to keep it calm. Option B uses 2 fabrics. Your choice.

Block Construction

Instructions are to make one 10" block. 9 of these blocks will make a 29" square centre, to which you can add sashing and/or borders to make bigger. Or, you can make more blocks to increase the quilt size.

Option A

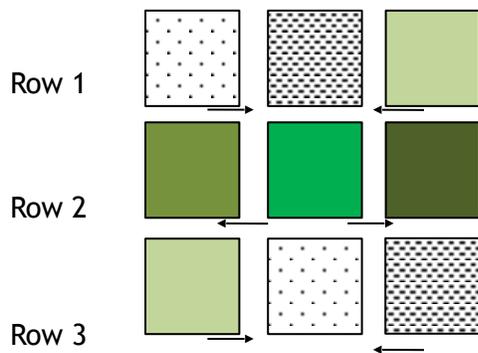
- 13 - 2.5" squares of medium to dark value
- 4 - 2.5" x 6.5" strips of a light value

Option B

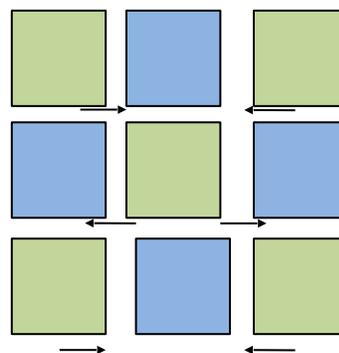
- 5 - 2.5" squares of print #1
- 8 - 2.5" squares of print #2
- 4 - 2.5" x 6.5" strips of Print#1

Assembling the 9 - Patch Units

Option A

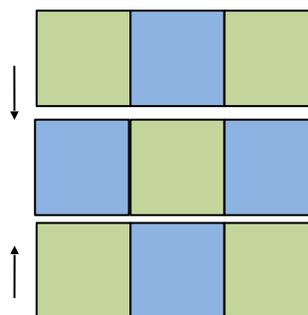
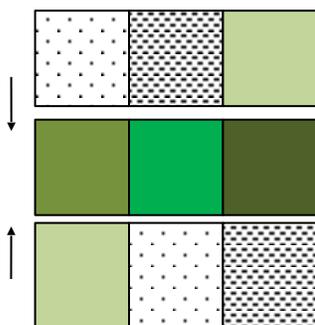


Option B



Sew blocks in Row 1 and press seams towards the centre block
 Sew blocks in Row 2 and press seams towards towards the outside blocks
 Sew blocks in Row 3 and press seams towards the centre block

} as shown by



Sew rows together pressing towards the centre as shown by the arrows

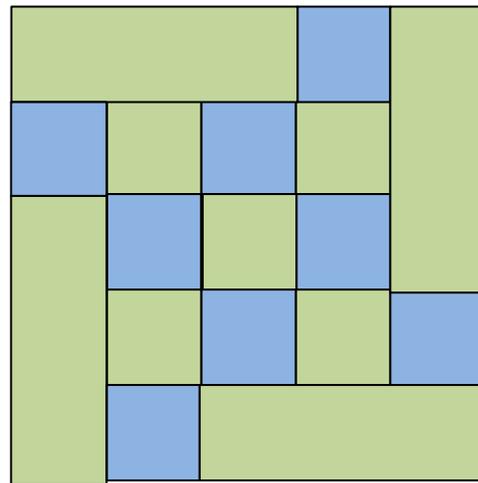
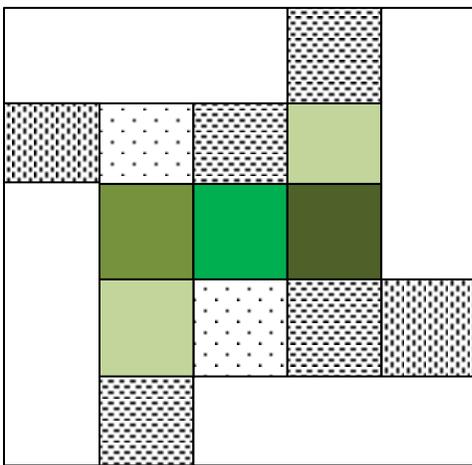
Assembling the Rectangle Units

Attach one of the remaining 2.5" squares to a 6.5" x 2.5" strip. Press seam towards the square as shown by the arrow. Make 4 rectangle units.

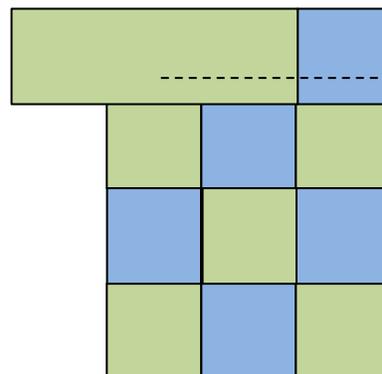
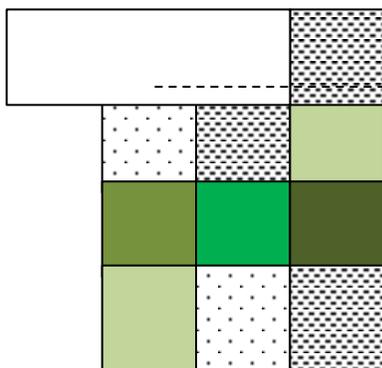


Attaching the Rectangle Units to the 9-Patch Units

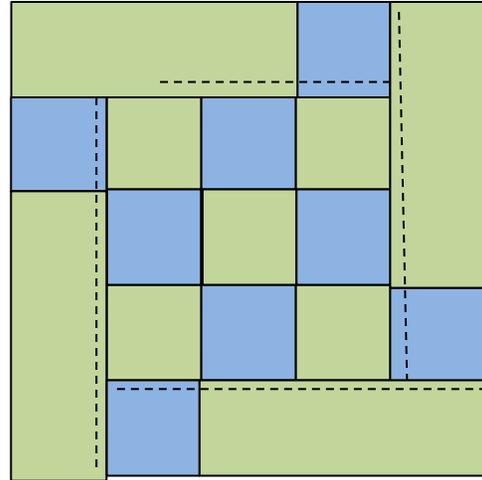
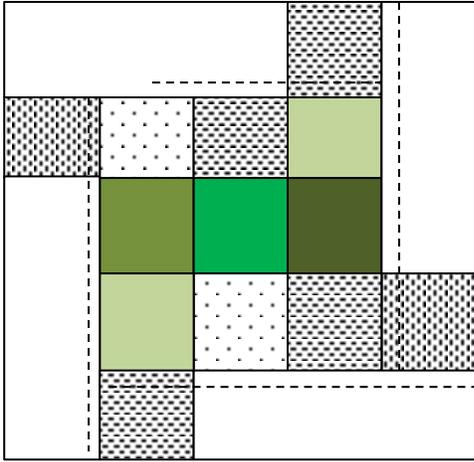
Lay out your rectangle units and 9-patch units according to the diagram. Note that if you are making more than one block, you will want to be sure that the squares in the rectangle units are always in the same direction.



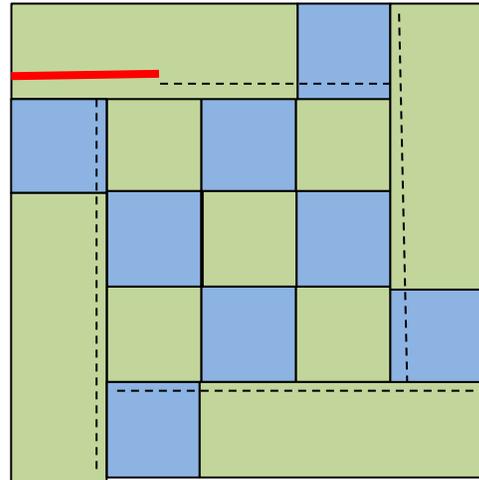
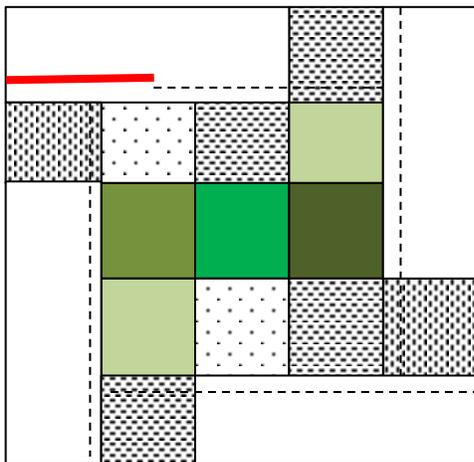
Attach the first rectangle unit to the 9-patch unit using a partial seam as indicated by dotted line below. There is no need to tie or back space when you reach the end of the partial seam. Press seam towards the rectangle unit. (do not press where seam has not been sewn)



Continue to sew the remaining rectangle units to the remaining three sides.



After you have attached the remaining three rectangle units, return to the first seam and sew it to the end of the unit. As shown by the red line below.



Assemble blocks adding sashing or borders as you choose.