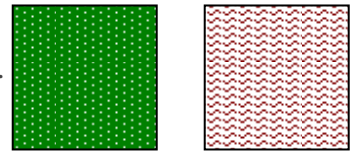


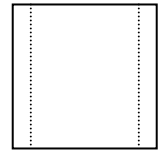
Amazing Nine Patch

Start with two squares that are $1\frac{1}{2}$ " larger than you want the finished 9-patch blocks to be. (For example if you want the finished nine patch to be 6 inches start with two $7\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares. For 8 inch finished start with 9.5 inch squares etc.)

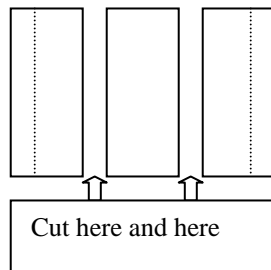
One square should be light and the other dark. Or at least contrast between the two.



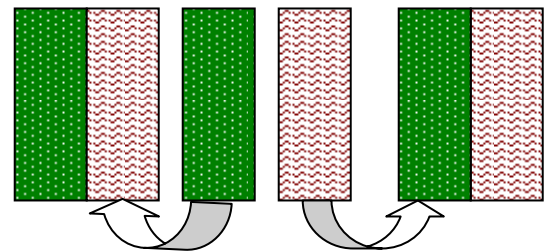
Place the squares right sides together and sew your regular $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam down each side



Cut the block into three equal strips for the desired block size (for example an 8 inch finished block requires three $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips) Cut the first strip from the left hand side the second strip from the right hand side then trim up the middle strip to the desired measurement.

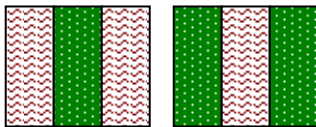


This will give you two strip sets and two additional Pieces (a light and a dark)

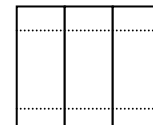


Sew this one to here and this one to here

Now you have



Press one set towards the center strip
and one set away from the center
 Place them right sides together matching the seams and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams at the top and bottom.



Now repeat the step of cutting the blocks into three strips and sew one center piece to one strip set and one center piece to the other strip set and voila two nine patches one negative and one positive from two squares of material.

