

## Double 9-Patch Quilt Block

Block directions and guidelines for the January 2015 Block Lotto

The Double 9-Patch is a 9-inch square (finished size) traditional block that offers the opportunity to learn or practice how to use strip sets and sew consistent  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seams.

You can make a **MAXIMUM of NINE BLOCKS** for the drawing in January.

Use the tag **Double 9** for your posts on Blocklotto.com about this block.

### Fabric Guidelines for the Block Lotto

We will be making black and white blocks combined in two possible ways:

#### Option One

(Shown on the top in photo)

**Light** fabric is white solid or white-on-white (WOW) print

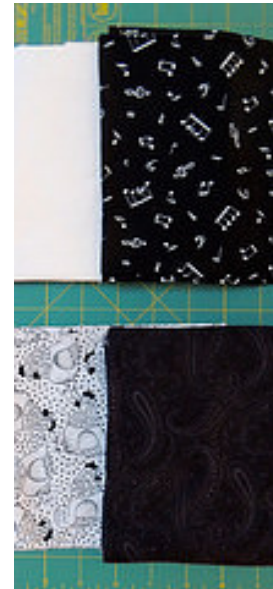
**Dark** fabric is black & white print that is mostly black

#### Option Two

(Shown on the bottom in photo)

**Light** fabric is black & white print that is mostly white

**Dark** fabric is black solid or black-on-black (BOB) print



If you choose to make multiple blocks, you can use the same fabrics in multiple blocks as long as each **light** + **dark** fabric combination is unique.

Remember a black and white print must be one of the fabrics in your block, whether you are making Option One or Option Two. **The combination of white (solid or WOW) + black (solid or BOB) without a black and white print is not allowed.**

## Cutting for One Block

From **Light** fabric, cut:

- Four 3 ½-inch squares
- Two 1 ½ by 7 ½ inch strips\*
- One 1 ½ by 15 inch strip\*

From **Dark** fabric, cut:

- One 1 ½ by 7 ½ inch strip\*
- Two 1 ½ by 15 inch strips\*



**\*TIP:** cut the strips a ½ inch longer to give yourself some wiggle room to square up if you need to when sub-cutting the strip sets.

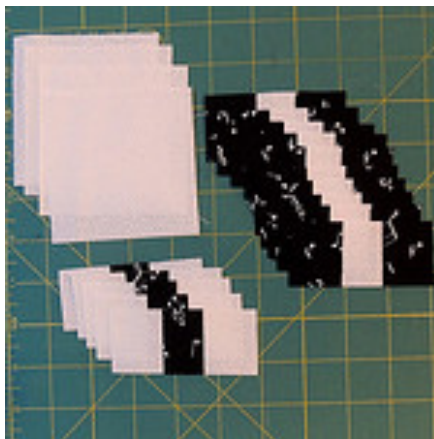
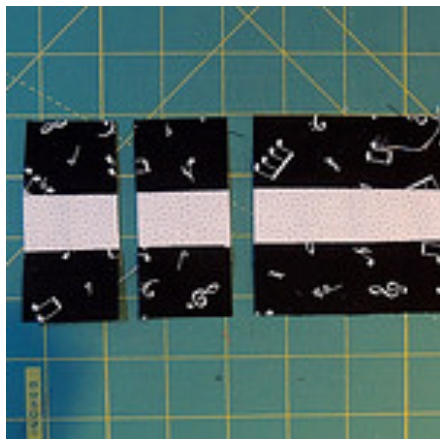
## Sewing the Block

1. Sew each set of three strips into a strip set (alternating fabrics)
2. Press the seams toward the Dark fabric.

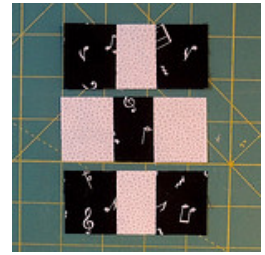
**Measurement check:** each strip set should measure 3 ½ inches wide

3. Cut across each sewn strip set to create fifteen 1 ½ inch wide units:

5 will be **light-dark-light**  
10 will be **dark-light-dark**

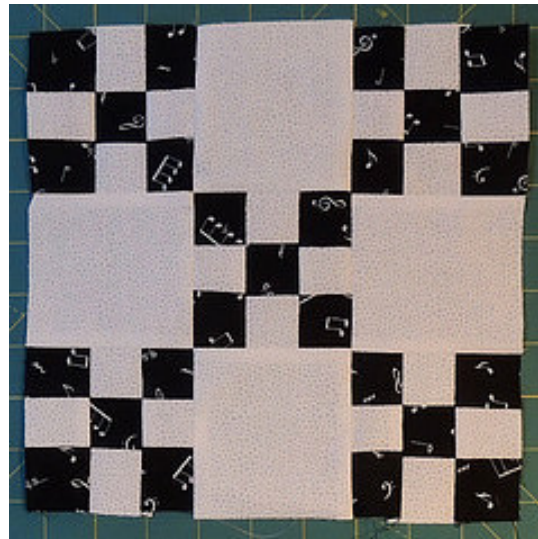
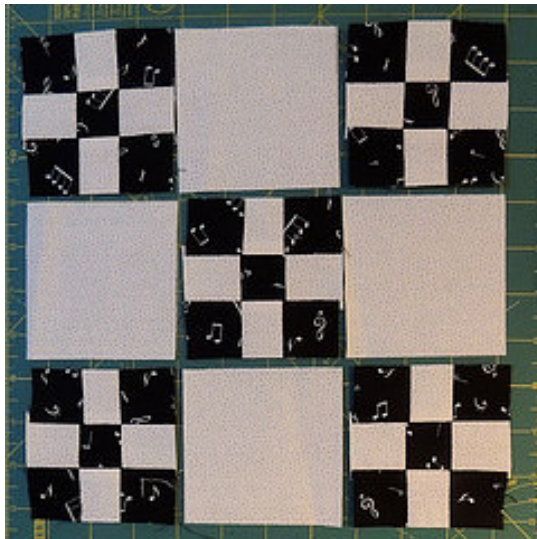


- Layout three of the sub cut units to form a 9-patch with the dark fabric in the center and corners.
- Sew the 9-patch together and press (direction doesn't matter).



**Measurement check:** each 9-patch should measure 3 ½ inches square

- Repeat to make a total of five little 9-patch blocks.
- Create the Double 9-Patch block by laying out a 9-patch with the little 9-patch blocks in the center and corner, alternated with the plain **Light** squares
- Sew together the 9-patch, by sewing the “rows”, pressing toward the plain squares and then sewing the rows together to complete the block.



**Measurement check:** each finished Double 9-patch block should measure 9 ½ inches square

## A Note About Pressing

When you are sewing the strip sets or sewing the rows of the Double 9-patch block together, it is important to press those seams consistently so that when you sew the next seams, you will have opposing seams which makes it so much easier to line up the seams where they are supposed to meet. (You might not even feel you need to pin ... I didn't.)