

9-Patch Plaid Block Pairs



This block—another variation on a 9-patch—measures 9 inches Square (finished size).

We will be making it in pairs: one will have blue corners and the other will have white corners.

For the Block Lotto, you must make/send the 9-Patch Plaid blocks in pairs. You can make a maximum of 10 blocks (5 pairs).

This will give the winners equal numbers of blue and white-corner blocks, making it easier to use them in their chosen quilt layout.



Fabric Guidelines for the Block Lotto

The June lotto blocks are made from three fabrics:

WHITE – may be solid, a white-on-white (WOW) or a print that is predominately white with another color

BLUE – may be solid, a tone-on-tone (TOT) blue print or a multicolor print that is predominately blue and reads as blue

BLACK – may be a solid, a black-on-black (BOB) print, or a black & white print

If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same white and black fabrics in multiple blocks, but each block should be made from a unique blue fabric

Cut Fabrics for Two Blocks



CUT:

One 10 ½ -inch square from each of the BLUE and WHITE fabrics*
Eight 1 by 9 ½ – inch rectangles from the BLACK fabric

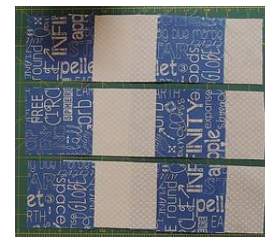
*NOTE: The two large squares will be used to make two 9 ½ inch 9-Patch blocks. If you prefer, you can make them from 3 ½ inch squares (cut 9 of each fabric for two blocks).

Sewing the Block

Make the 9-Patch Pairs

1. Put the two large squares together, right sides together and sew along left and right edges.
2. Cut the squares vertically (same direction as your seams) into thirds, each 3 ½ inches wide. You will have two rectangles and two pairs of rectangles already sewn together.
3. Open and press the seams (toward the blue fabric).
4. Sew the third rectangle to each pair, so that the fabrics alternate. You will have two rectangles, each measuring 9 ½ by 10 ½ inches.
5. Cut each rectangle horizontally into three sections, each 3 ½ inches wide.
6. Swap the middle “row” of the two rectangles and layout the rows to form a pair of 9-patch blocks—one with blue in the center and corners, one with white in the center and corners.
7. Sew the rows together to form a pair of 9-patch units, each measuring 9 ½ inches square

NOTE: if you prefer, you can make your 9-patch units in the traditional way, starting with nine 3 ½ inch squares for each. Be sure that you make one with a blue center and corners and the other with the opposite fabric placement.



Making the Blocks “Plaid”

8. Slice one of the 9-patch units 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch from the left and right edge. Insert one of the BLACK strips in each slash.

NOTE: you can also measure 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the seam.



9. Sew the strips in place and press the seams. (I pressed toward the black, but it is really a matter of personal choice.)

The block should measure exactly the same as before – 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches square.



10. Slice the block again, this time horizontally, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches from the top and bottom (or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the seams), and insert two more of the BLACK strips.
11. Sew the strips in place and press (this time, I pressed AWAY from the black).
12. Repeat with the second 9-patch unit.

