

Block Lotto
November, 2018
Nine Patch Star

This month is the time to pull out your stash of 3.5" nine-patch blocks. You may have some of these handy units on hand, but if you don't, they're easy to make. (And while you're at it, sew a few extras for a future project.)

The Nine-Patch Star was patterned in McCall's Quilting in Nov/Dec 2010 and again in May/June 2018. You can refer to those issues for setting ideas.

Block size: 6-3/8" finished (6-5/8" unfinished).

Fabrics: Block X requires four different fabrics in a colorway of your choice.

Block Y requires five different fabrics in a colorway of your choice.

A 6" square of each fabric will be more than enough to make the block.

For the lotto: you may repeat fabrics from block to block but each block must have different combinations -- no twins.

For both Block X and Block Y, make a 3.5" (unfin) nine patch block using your preferred method. One way to do this is to cut five 1.5" squares from dark fabric and four 1.5" squares from light fabric.

The five corner and center squares must be darker than the other four squares. Sew squares together

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Press toward the dark squares.



Block X:

Fabric A – cut four 2-5/8" squares and one 3-3/8" square. Cut the 3-3/8" square twice diagonally to make four triangles.

Fabric B – cut two 3-3/8" squares. Cut each twice diagonally to make eight triangles (four from each square.)

Block X fabrics, cut.



Block Y:

Fabric A – cut four 2-5/8" squares

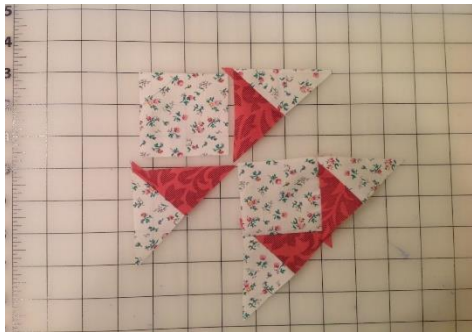
Fabric B – cut one 3-3/8" square. Cut twice diagonally to make four triangles.

Fabric C – cut two 3-3/8" squares. Cut twice diagonally to make four triangles

Block Y fabrics, cut.

The assembly photos use Block X as a sample. Substitute as appropriate for Block Y.

Block assembly:



Sew four pairs of triangles from Fabrics A and B. Note that two have the Fabric B (dark) triangle on the left and two have the dark triangle on the right.

Sew to Fabric A squares as shown.



Sew remaining Fabric B (dark) triangles to remaining Fabric A squares.

Sew unit to opposite sides of nine-patch.



Assemble all units.

FOR THE LOTTO: for each X block make a Y block, up to 8 total. If you make only one block you can choose either X or Y. That way the winners will get half and half.

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Once you get started it will be hard to stop!