

Bargello 9-Patch



This block measures 4 ½ by 18 inches (finished size). It's another long rectangular block that you might use for borders, sashing or the main block in a quilt design.

This block offers the opportunity to work with color/value combinations, strip sets, and to practice sewing ¼ inch seams.

Fabric Guidelines for the Block Lotto

This month we will be using a 4-color palette. You get to choose 3 of them for your block.

White – can be solid or a white-on-white (WOW) print

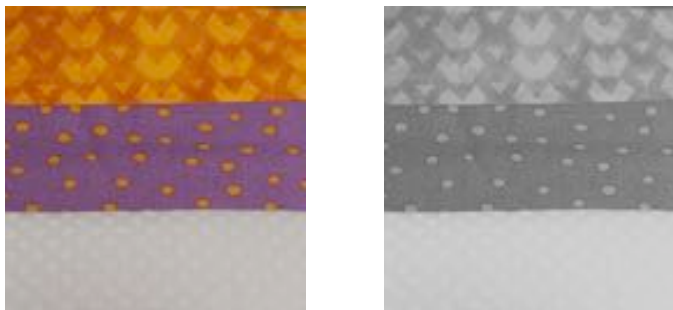
Gray – can be solid, a tone-on-tone (TOT) print or a print containing only colors in the 4-color palette: gray, white, yellow/gold and purple.

Yellow/Gold – can be solid, a tone-on-tone (TOT) print or a print containing only colors in the 4-color palette.

Purple – can be solid, a tone-on-tone (TOT) print or a print containing only colors in the 4-color palette.

If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same fabrics in multiple blocks, but each block should be made from a unique 3-fabric combination.

After you have chosen the three fabrics you plan to use, next determine which will be the light, the medium and the dark. Here are the fabrics I used and how they looked when converted to black and white. I really wasn't sure which print was the dark until I did this:



Cut Fabrics

From each of the three fabrics, cut:

- One rectangle 2-inches by 12-inches
- Two rectangles 2-inches by 6-inches

*NOTE: I usually cut the strips slightly longer to give myself some wiggle room to square up if necessary when I subcut the strip sets.

Sewing the Block

1. Lay out the strips into three strip sets:

#1 - One of each color of the 6-inch strips arranged:

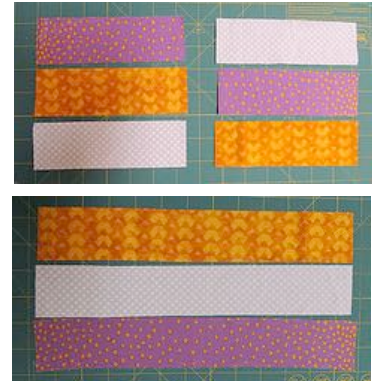
- Dark (on top)
- Medium
- Light

#2 - One of each color of the 12-inch strips arranged:

- Medium (on top)
- Light
- Dark

#3 - One of each color of the 6-inch strips arranged:

- Light (on top)
- Dark
- Medium



2. Sew the strips together and press:

- For strip sets #1 and #3 press the seams UP (towards the top edge)
- For strip set #2, press the seams DOWN

3. Slice each strip set into 2-inch wide units—you will have

- 3-each from strips #1 and #3 and
- 6 from strip set #2



4. Reorder the twelve units: 1-2-3-2-1-2-3-2-1-2-3-2



5. Sew together. Your block should measure 5 by 18 ½ inches (to finish at 4 ½ by 18-inches).