

## Hot-Crossed 9-Patch Block Tutorial



This is the block I dreamed up for the April Block Lotto.

I couldn't find a reference for this 9-patch variation, so I am calling it, Hot-Crossed 9 Patch. It looks great in a straight set, set on point and set with sashing strips or not. Susan made this great example.

### FABRICS

For each block, you'll need three fabrics:

**Background:** White solid or white-on-white (WOW) print.

**Plaid:** Woven or printed plaid. In recognition of Earth day (April 22), I used re-claimed 100% plaid cottons from garments. All the plaid garments I bought were labeled 100% cotton and are tightly woven and of an appropriate weight for quilting. I found suitable plaids in men's shirts, swim trunks and some (new from the GAP) PJ pants. I passed on some cute but too-heavy cotton plaids in shorts and too-light ones in lady's blouses and men's boxers.

**Contrast:** a solid of tone-on-tone (TOT) print fabric that compliments and contrasts with your plaid.

### MAKING THE BLOCK

#### CUT FABRIC:

3-inch squares: 4 from background, 5 from plaid

1 1/2 by 8-inch rectangle: 2 from background

1 1/2 inch by 10-inch rectangle: 2 from background

1-inch by 10 inch rectangles: 2 from contrast



#### SEW THE BLOCK:

1. Create a 9-patch from the 9 squares.

*Measurement check: you should have an 8-inch square.*

2. Add the shorter background strip to opposite sides of the 9-patch

3. Add longer background strips to the other 2 sides

*Measurement check: you should have a 10-inch square.*



### SLICE THE BLOCK

Slice the block, vertically through the center. If your block perfectly measures 10 inches, you can measure 5 from one side. If not, be sure to halve the center of the squares in the center column of your 9-patch—they should measure 2.5 inches, so you can measure 1.25 inches from the edges of the center squares.

### SEW

Insert one of the contrast strips into the block.



### REPEAT

Turn the block 90 degrees and repeat, slicing through the center of the block and inserting the other contrast strip.



## SQUARE UP

Trim the block to 9.5 inches, making sure that the 9 patch is centered in the block.

*Measurement check: If all your cutting and seams are perfect, after trimming, the 9-patch will measure 7.5 inches and the white border around them will measure 1 inch from the seam to the edge.*

<http://sophiejunction.blogspot.com.au/2012/04/hot-crossed-9-patch-block-tutorial.html>