

Your choice you can make 1 of each or just one. It would be fun to see a lot of these on the wall.

Block of the Month: 9-Patch (for the dark use a **patriotic star's or dark blue**).

cut 2.5-inch strips, into two sets of three strips each.

One strip set has two dark strips on the outside and a light strip in the center,

The other has two light strips on the outside and a dark strip in the center, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and press to the dark fabric.

Lay the two strip sets with right sides together so the seams nest. If you pressed all the seam allowances toward the darker fabric, the strips should fit together neatly.

Use your rotary cutter and a cutting ruler to cut sub-units from the paired strip units. The sub-units should be the same width as the original strips. For example, if the fabric stripes are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, cut the sub-units $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

Sew the nine patch blocks, where the lighter fabric is in the corners.

Block of the Month Rail Fence:

3 strips 2.5-inch strips together two red and one light sewn in the center.

This should finish off at $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Use these two blocks in the pattern below.

Pattern names, like all vocabulary, change over time. The right name for a pattern is what you call it."

~ Barbara Brackman

1896 - One of the earliest patchwork quilt patterns, this nine patch variation, was called "a Plain Block" in the Ladies [Home Journal](#) in 1896. When these 3" blocks were made, in the second quarter of the 19th Century, it may have just been called a **nine patch**.

Block Number 1 is a simple nine patch and is constructed like the sample below using a 1/4 inch seam.



Block Number 2 consists of three strips. The light color is sewn in the middle as illustrated below using a 1/4 inch seam.



The blocks can be set straight or on point.

