

NCW Quilt Guild September 2009
Disappearing 9-Patch
10 ½” Unfinished Block (10” finished)*

This month we are making a 10” block. If you are making blocks each month with your “Why did I buy this fabric”, you will need to frame the block to have a 12” block. Directions will be at the bottom of the page on how to frame it. **Please do not frame the guild’s blocks – let the winner frame the blocks if desired.**

Cutting:

- A) Focus fabric provided: cut four @ 4” square
- B) Yellow: cut one @ 4” square
- C) Choose a color from the balloons: cut four @ 4” square

Sewing:

Layout your 9-patch block, placing the yellow (B) in the center of your block, the focus fabric (A) in the four corners. Complete the layout with the contrast color (C) between the focus fabrics.

Sew each row of three blocks together, pressing top and bottom rows to the focus fabric and center row to the yellow center. Finish sewing your basic 9-patch and press. It should be an 11” square.

2nd Cutting:

Using your ruler and rotary cutter, cut the 9-patch into four equal pieces, 5 ½” squares.

Turn two corner blocks so that the yellow sits in opposite corners. See picture below. Leave the other two corners as they were. Sew each row, pressing to the focus fabric. Finish by sewing each row to form a 10 ½” block (10” finished)



***To Make a 12” block from your “Why did I buy this fabric”:** Measure and square your block to 10 ½”. Cut 1 ½” strips of fabric of choice (or two or more fabrics). If your block is smaller than 10 ½”, increase the size of the strips the appropriate amount to compensate for the size difference. Frame your block with your cut strips to finish your block to 12” (12 ½” unfinished).

Or you could cut wider strips and frame only two sides. Experiment with which design element you prefer.