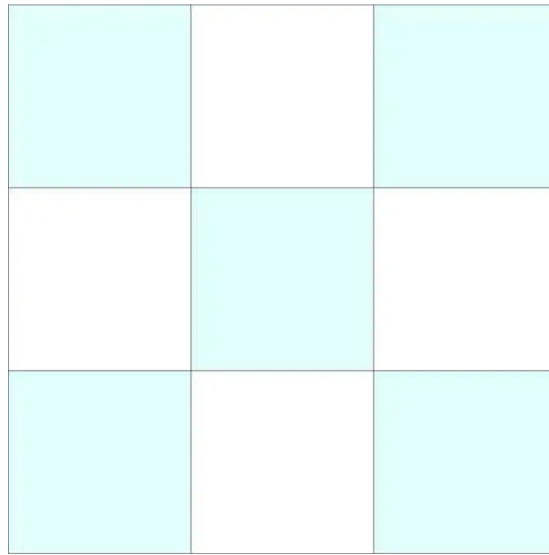


## Block of the Month Step 1

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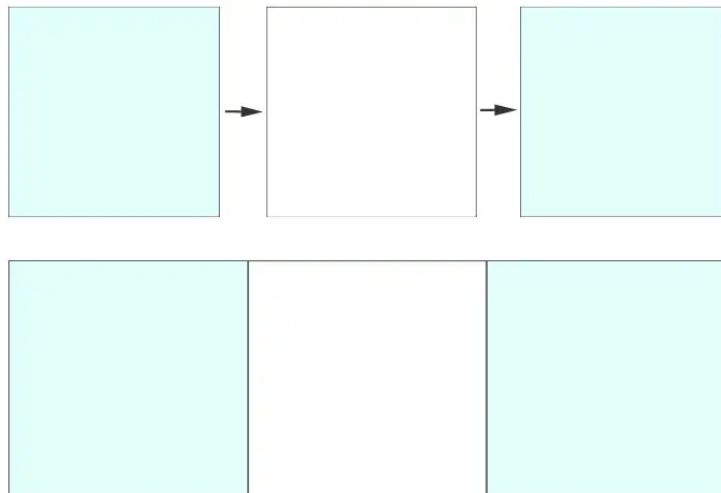
### Simple Nine Patch Construction

Most 9-patch quilt blocks look best when lighter value fabrics and darker value fabrics are paired together. Using patterns in the fabric also adds to the depth within. Place squares to form a small checkerboard. Size of the square is totally up to you just be sure that all squares are same size. (Or you can start with 5" squares. This block will end up 14" (or 13.5" when sewn into a quilt).

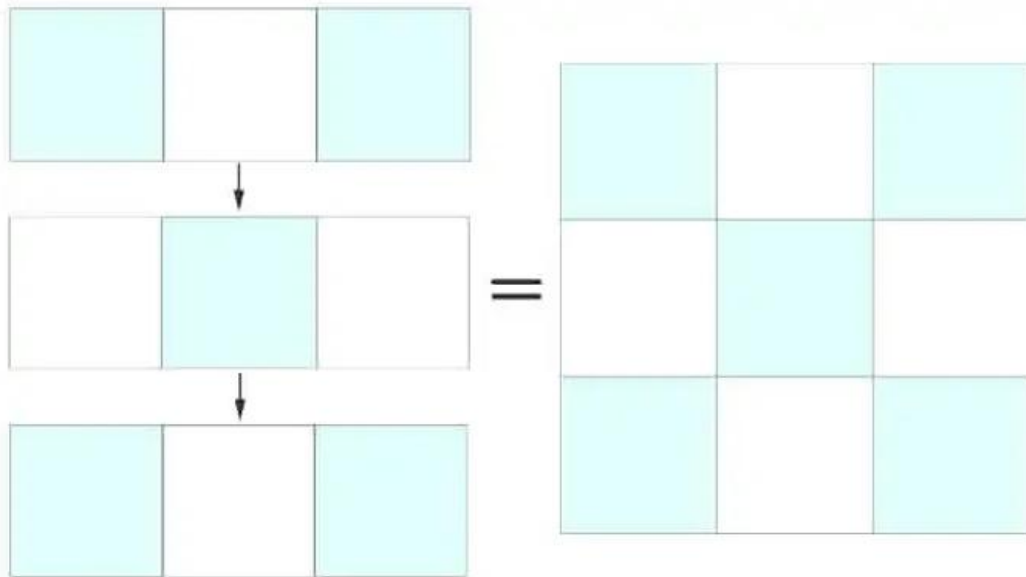


Assembling is a snap. The most common way to assemble a nine-patch is by attaching three uniform sized blocks across to form a single strip. It is best to use a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance throughout your piecing.

\*\* Remember you can size up or down to fit. Just be sure all blocks form a same size square. Go Crazy.



Once three individual blocks are attached across, they will create a strip. The nine-patch grid is best seen if done in alternating grid.



This is a great pattern if you are using a pile of scraps. This pattern is so versatile and can be worked so many ways. This pattern can also be done by using charm squares (which are precuts). Left over jelly roll strips. Getting precuts is very expensive, so recommend getting bulk materials and making your own strips or charm packs. It helps to practice cutting skills and save money.