

Surrounded Nine Patch
10" Block
2 Fabrics

Cutting

Blue:

5 squares @ 2 1/2"
 4 rectangles @ 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Cream:

4 squares @ 2 1/2"
 4 rectangles @ 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Piecing:

Nine Patch Center Unit:

Lay out the blue and cream 2 1/2" squares into a nine patch with blue corners and blue center square. Sew the squares into three rows. Press rows 1 & 3 away from the center cream square; press row 2 toward the cream center square. Sew rows together, press away from the center.

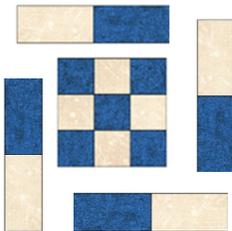


Strip units:

Lay out the blue and cream rectangles right sides together. Stitch together along the short end. Press toward the blue. Make 4 strip units.



Partial Seams Piecing around the Nine Patch:



Lay out the block following the diagram to the left, align the center NINE PATCH UNIT with the STRIP UNIT above it. Beginning at the right, stitch about halfway across the NINE PATCH UNIT, leaving the remainder of the NINE PATCH UNIT free. Press away from the NINE PATCH UNIT.

Align the upper right STRIP UNIT and stitch the second seam. Press away from the NINE PATCH UNIT. Work your way around the block adding each STRIP UNIT in order, pressing away from the NINE PATCH UNIT each time. Then, complete the partial seam between the final STRIP UNIT and the first STRIP UNIT.

Once you master the partial seam piecing technique, the block is easy. It also works up well using a different fabric for each block in your quilt. Enjoy your block.

Grace

