

# DISAPPEARING NINE PATCH

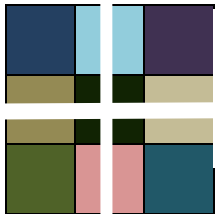
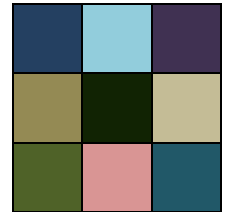
## Block of the Month For the March Meeting

Spring cleaning is upon us. This Block of the Month will help you reduce and reuse some of those scraps in your sewing space.

**Don't over plan your prints and colors. Let the scrap basket dictate the assortment.**

### Instructions:

1. Pick 9 prints in colors ways decided by your scrap basket(s). Ideally, 5 darker and 4 lighter prints. *(For a really nice scrappy quilt, keep the center square the same print in all blocks and pick a different scrap for each of the remaining 5" squares you plan to cut. 24 - 5" squares = 24 different scraps, PLUS the print for the center 5" squares.)*
2. Cut 5" squares from each print.
3. Sew the 9 blocks together in rows of three blocks and join the 3 rows as shown.
4. Cut the 9 patch block in half once vertically and once horizontally as shown below.



*Everyone will think you spent hours ...*

*... making a deceptively simple quilt!*

5. Sashing – cut strips 1" wide and 14" long. Attach to the 4 mini blocks and reassemble as shown.

### Layout:

Below are different ways to layout the four blocks you just created cutting up your nine patch.

You can sash them back together again with no rotation as in sample 1 and 2. Or, you can shuffle your blocks so that the center color remains the same while the other prints are relocated as in sample 3.



**Hint:** 23 FQs can be cut into 270 5" Squares. This can make a 65" x 78", without sashing.