

Making the 12 Center Nine-Patch blocks

Assemble:

- (1) 2-1/2" wide Leaves on Navy strip
- (1) 2-1/2" wide Background strip
- (24) 4-1/2" Navy Pomegranate Blender/Navy Leaf Blender QSTs
- (24) 4-1/2" Scallop on Cream/Leaves on Cream QSTs
- (48) 4-1/2" Background squares

Start by making the center four-patch blocks. Sew the 2-1/2" wide Leaves on Navy strip to the 2-1/2" wide Background strip the long way. Press to the Leaves on Navy.



Cut this 2-part strip set every 2-1/2" to make (24) two-patch units. Use these two-patch units to make a Four-Patch as shown to the right. Because of the way you pressed your seams, the center seams should not overlap. Make (12). You can press the row seam in either direction, or you can twirl the center seams like you did with the QSTs.

There are two different nine-patch center blocks in this quilt. Here is Block One.

Make (12) block rows as shown. Keep the Navy Leaf Blender side of the QST on the right. Press to the QST. This block should measure 4-1/2 x 12-1/2".



Make (6) block rows as shown. Notice the placement of the Navy Leaf Blender fabric in the QST, and the direction of the Four-Patch block. Press to the QST.

Use these rows to make the (6) Center Nine-Patch blocks as shown. Press the rows toward the center. Square-up this block to 12-1/2".



Use the same method to make the (6) Center Nine-Patch blocks using the Scallop on Cream/Leaves on Cream QSTs for Block Two.



Notice that the Four-Patch blocks change direction in this block. Press the rows toward the center. Square-up this block to 12-1/2".

Assemble:

- (24) 1-1/2 x 12-1/2" Background rectangles
- (24) 1-1/2 x 14-1/2" Background rectangles

Sew a 12-1/2" Background rectangle to opposite sides of all (12) blocks. Press to the rectangle. Sew a 14-1/2" Background rectangle to the two remaining sides of the blocks. Press to the rectangle. This makes a border around the center block. They should now measure 14-1/2" square.

Note that Block One is shown in the graphic. Block Two will have the Four-Patch unit facing the other direction.

