

# Mystery Nine Patch

## With Half Square Triangles

Prayer Quilt Pattern - 42" x 54"

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**You will need:** (see below for information about mystery boxes)

5 strips from the dark mystery box  
4 strips from the light mystery box

**This quilt is a great lesson in letting go**

**Trust that the fabrics will blend and create harmony despite their differences in color and pattern.**

<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Yardage</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Cut</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Cut</u>
Light Fabric	½ yd	2 @ 6 7/8" x WOF	9 - 6 7/8" squares
Dark Fabric	½ yd	2 @ 6 7/8" x WOF	9 - 6 7/8" squares
Light Border Fabric	3/8 yd	4 @ 2 ½" x WOF (save for inner border)	
Dark Border Fabric	¾ yd	5 @ 4 ½" x WOF (save for outer border)	

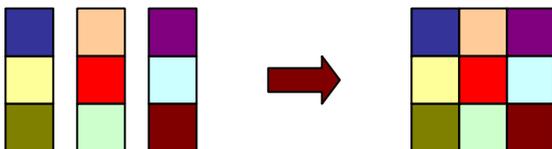
Making the 9 patch blocks:

Sew the 9 strips as shown and trim into 2 ½" sections:



You will be able to cut 17 - 2 ½" sections from each strip

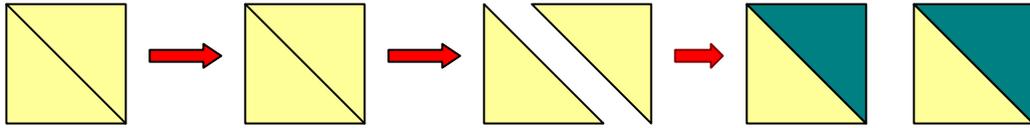
Take one section from each strips and sew the 9 patch as shown:



You will make 17 squares. If you run short, just add a fabric scrap...it adds to the character of the quilt.

### Making the half square triangles:

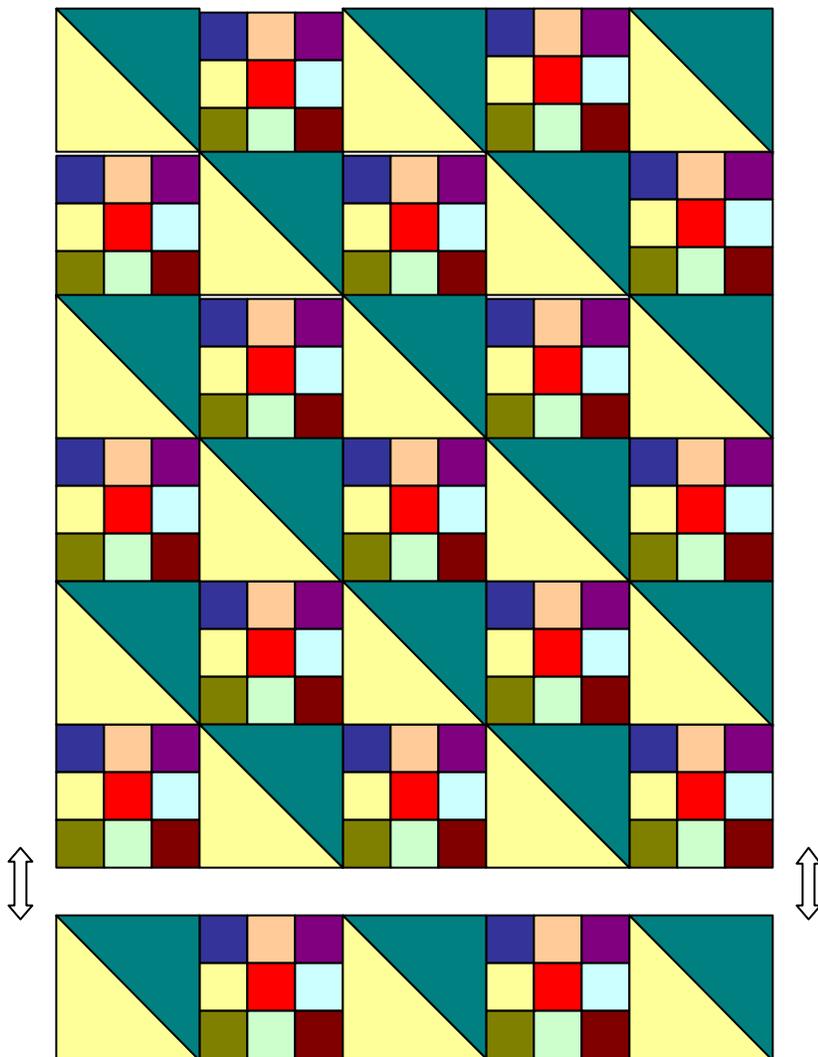
Mark a diagonal line on the back of the light squares. This will be a guide line for later. Take one light and one dark square. Lay right sides together. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " along both sides of the diagonal line. Cut apart along the drawn line. Press open. You will have 2 squares.



You will have 18 half square triangle blocks. Now it is time to lay out the quilt!

### Assembling the quilt top:

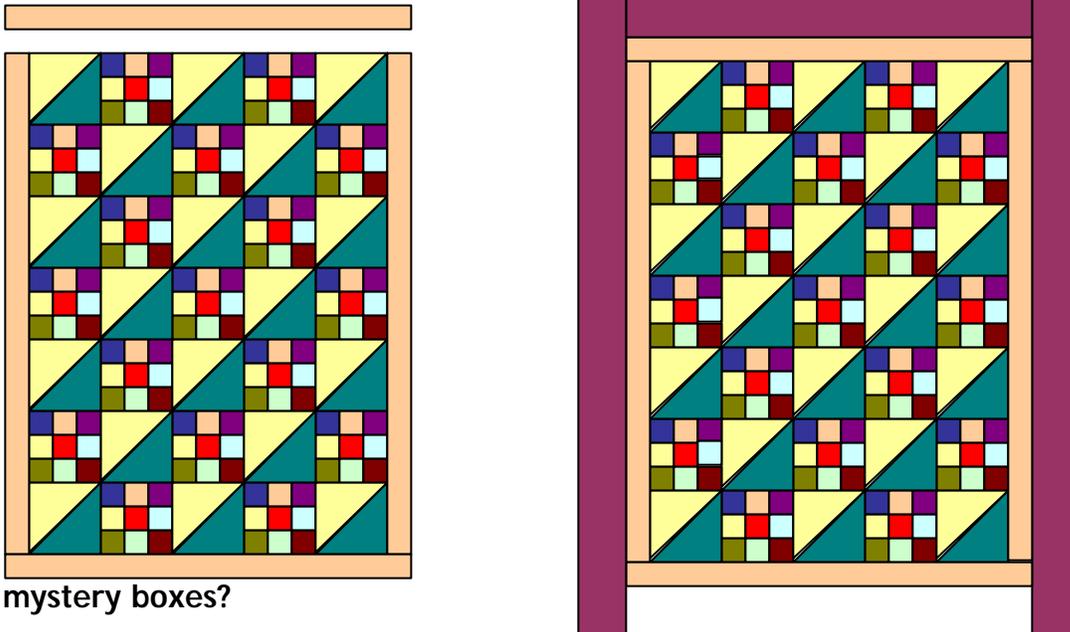
Sew the squares alternating 9 patch blocks and triangle blocks. Sew into rows first and then sew the rows together.



Adding the borders:

First add the inner border to the sides, and then the top and bottom.

Last, add the outer border, first to the top and bottom, then to the sides (you will have to the side pieces).



**What are mystery boxes?**

You will need two cardboard boxes taped shut, with a small hole cut in the top (big enough for your hand to pass freely). Mark one box **Light** and one box **Dark**. Fill the boxes with 2 ½" strips (it is important they are cut the full width of the fabric, selvage to selvage), light strips in the light box, dark in the dark box. This is a great way to use up small amounts of left over fabric, or a great way to get rid of those uglies that you are wondering why you ever purchased.

Ask your group members to bring in 2 ½" strips to stock the boxes. The bigger the assortment the better.

The rules for pulling from the box:

1. NO peeking!
2. You may only throw a strip back if you have a duplicate strip.
3. After pulling all 9, you may throw one back and draw again. But! You are stuck with what you pull out on the redraw (consider carefully...).

Most of all, have fun! That is it! Great job! Now you are ready to layer the quilt with the backing and batting. Secure with ties.