



Finished block size: 18" square (unfinished is 18 ½" square)

Pretty and easy. What more could one ask? It has a simple nine-patch in the center; four solid pieces; a bit of strip piecing and snowballs (flip and turn) and voila!

Enjoy the process and make a bunch. It can make a quilt with a lot of negative space to highlight your quilting. You'll receive one ticket for each block turned in. Have fun!

Fabric

- ¼ yard of black fabric for the background
- Two 2-1/2" by WOF strips of a focus fabric (one fabric, solid or small print; should contrast well with the background)

Cut

- Cut (13) 2 ½" squares of the black fabric
- Cut (4) 2 ½" by 6 ½" rectangles of the black fabric
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- Cut (4) 2 ½" squares of the focus fabric
- Cut (8) 2 ½" by 6 ½" rectangles of the focus fabric

Sew

1. Make a 9 patch using 5 black 2 ½" squares and the 4 focus fabric 2 ½" squares. Top and bottom rows should read: black -- focus -- black. The middle row should read: focus -- black -- focus. Press seams between the squares to the black. Press one seam between the row down and one seam up.
2. Draw a diagonal line across the back of 8 black 2 ½" squares. Place a marked black square on the top of a focus fabric 2 ½" wide by 6 ½" tall rectangle, right sides together. The diagonal line should run from the top left down to the right ("Left Strips"). Sew along the line. Trim the seam allowance to ¼". Press seam to the black. Make 4 Left Strips. Make 4 more strips with the diagonal line running from the top right down to the left ("Right Strips"). Press seam to the black.
3. Sew a black 2 ½" by 6 ½" rectangle to the to the right side of a Left Strip, right sides together. Sew a Right Strip to the right side of the pair you just made. Make a total of 4 of these "Side Units." Press seams to the center black.
4. Arrange the block in three rows as follows (referring to photo above): Top row: black 6 ½" square -- Side Unit with points facing up -- black 6 ½" square. Middle row: Side Unit with points facing left -- 9 patch -- Side Unit with points facing right. Bottom row: black 6 ½" square -- Side Unit with points facing down -- black 6 ½" square. Press the seams of the Top and Bottom rows to the black 6 ½" squares; press the seams of the Middle row to the 9 patch. Sew the blocks into rows and then the rows into the final block, referring to the photo above. Press the row seams downward.

Sample Quilt Layout

