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### **Nine Patch Play**

Block Size: 1 1/2" finished

Irish Chain Miniature Quilt: 12 3/4" by 12 3/4"

9-Patch Cross Miniature Quilt: 10 1/2" by 12 1/2"

*This is a bit of a switch up. The whole point of the book Miniatures in Minutes is to make it super easy to make a miniature quilt by sewing the entire pieced section (not counting borders) on a single foundation with no extra piecing. Still. It's fun to experiment, right? These quilts use the 13-Square foundation from Miniatures in Minutes to make the 9-Patch blocks. Fast, easy, and precise. The piecing that is then required to make either the Irish Chain or the On-Point Nine Patch quilts is quite basic.*

### **Irish Chain Miniature Quilt**



#### **Fabric Requirements:**

Greens – scraps

Background – 1/3 yard

Backing – 1 fat quarter

Binding – 1/8 yard

#### **Cutting Directions:**

Assorted Greens – eighty-nine 1" squares (letters A and C on the Quilt Layout Diagram)

Background –

Sixty-eight 1" squares (letter B on the Quilt Layout Diagram)

Twelve 2" squares

Four 1" by 8" rectangles (first border)

Four 2" by 9" rectangles (second border)

Two 1 1/2" by 12" rectangles (third border) \*\*\*\*

Two 1 1/2" by 14" rectangles (third border) \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* I cut the outer borders wider than I need and then trim down after quilting.

A	B	A		A	B	A		A	B	A
B	C	B		B	C	B		B	C	B
A	B	A		A	B	A		A	B	A
A	B	A		A	B	A		A	B	A
B	C	B		B	C	B		B	C	B
A	B	A		A	B	A		A	B	A
A	B	A		A	B	A		A	B	A
B	C	B		B	C	B		B	C	B
A	B	A		A	B	A		A	B	A
A	B	A		A	B	A		A	B	A
B	C	B		B	C	B		B	C	B
A	B	A		A	B	A		A	B	A



Two 3" by 8" rectangles (border) \*\*\*\*

Two 3" by 9 1/2" rectangles (border) \*\*\*\*

\*\* I cut my borders wider than I actually need and use the method for adding narrow borders that I describe in the handout on the [MISC page](http://terriesandelin.com/misc.html) of my website (<http://terriesandelin.com/misc.html>). For a quarter inch wide border (as in this quilt), I measure the chalk line at 1/2 inch from the seam line.

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### Trimming the Dog Ears: (Doesn't that sound dreadful?)

I find that trimming the ends of the triangles makes it much easier to match up blocks precisely. For the half-square triangles, use the method described on page 50 of *Miniatures in Minutes*. The trim measurement is 2".

For the quarter square triangles, use the Flying Geese method described on page 54 of *Miniatures in Minutes*. Line up the apex of the triangle at the 1" mark on the ruler.



### See Below for Directions on Making the 9-Patch Blocks

#### Quilt Assembly:

1. Layout the blocks and join in rows.



2. Join the rows together.



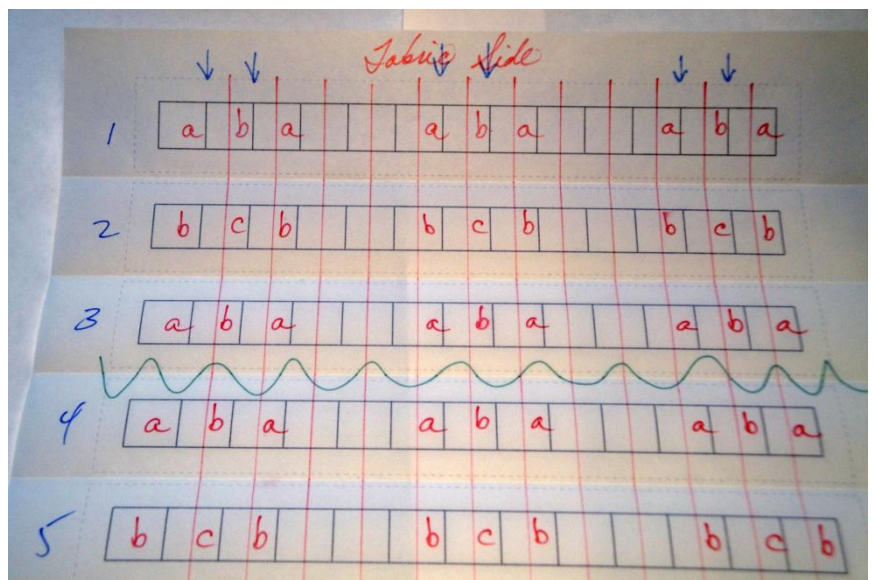
3. Add borders.
4. Finish quilt as desired. (I added a narrow strip of accent piping on mine but this is clearly not necessary).

### Making the Nine-Patch Blocks

You will only use 12 of the 13 rows on the 13-Square foundation. Prepare the foundation as usual, marking the seam allowance lines and folding between rows.

You do not need to fold between rows 3 and 4, 6 and 7, or 9 and 10. I found it easiest to just go ahead and fold the whole foundation and then draw squiggly lines through the rows that wouldn't get joined – see picture below.

With this pattern, you will not sew every vertical seam line on the foundation (you will only sew six). To help prevent any confusion, I drew arrows pointing towards the lines that need to be sewn (the lines to either side of the "b" on the top row).



Here is what the foundation looks like with all of the patches added:



Here is what the foundation looks like after the rows have been joined:



Trim the blocks so each is separate and then remove the paper as usual.

Note: For the Irish Chain miniature quilt, you will need a total of seventeen 9-Patch blocks. Since the foundation makes twelve blocks at a time, you will need to sew up two foundations – twelve blocks on one foundation and five on the second. I simply make extra blocks to set aside for another project.

The 9-Patch Cross miniature quilt uses twelve 9-Patch blocks, so one foundation is all you will need.



13 Square Foundation: Nine Patch Blocks – One foundation will make twelve 9-Patch blocks

1	A	B	A			A	B	A			A	B	A
2	B	C	B			B	C	B			B	C	B
3	A	B	A			A	B	A			A	B	A
4	A	B	A			A	B	A			A	B	A
5	B	C	B			B	C	B			B	C	B
6	A	B	A			A	B	A			A	B	A
7	A	B	A			A	B	A			A	B	A
8	B	C	B			B	C	B			B	C	B
9	A	B	A			A	B	A			A	B	A
10	A	B	A			A	B	A			A	B	A
11	B	C	B			B	C	B			B	C	B
12	A	B	A			A	B	A			A	B	A
13													