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Difficulty Level: Easy

What you need

- 3 x different 100% cotton fabrics, with the suggested combination of light, medium and dark colours. If using fabric off bolt = 15cm (approx 6") x 112cm (approx 45cm) strips x 3 colours
- Rotary Cutter
- Cutting Mat
- Ruler
- Sewing Machine
- Iron

Tips before you start

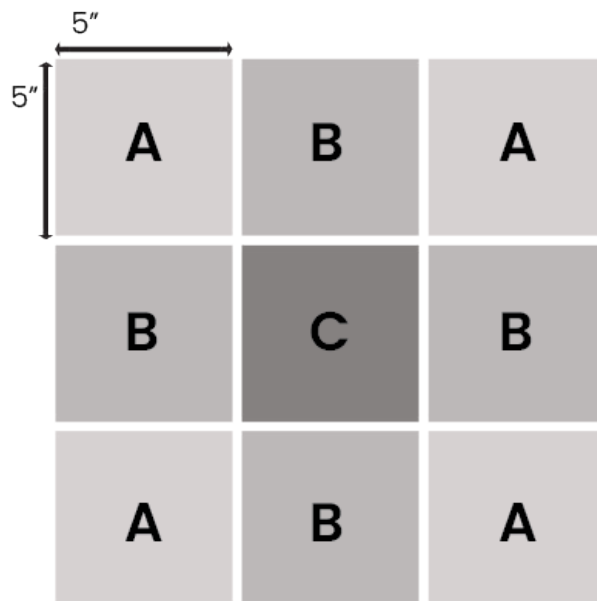
- Pre-wash and press your fabric before you start to avoid shrinkage. Follow the care instructions for your chosen fabric.
- Press using a pressing cloth to prevent damaging your fabric. Test your iron settings on a scrap piece of fabric before you start your project.

Instructions

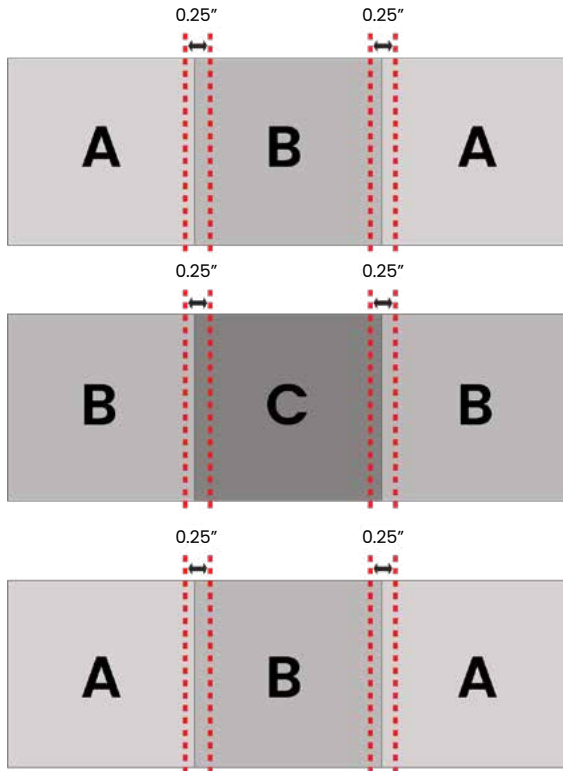
Step 1: Cut the pieces

Cut nine 5" x 5" (approx 13cm) fabric squares using the three fabric colours: 1 dark, 4 medium and 4 light.

Arrange the 5" squares in a 3 x 3 grid.



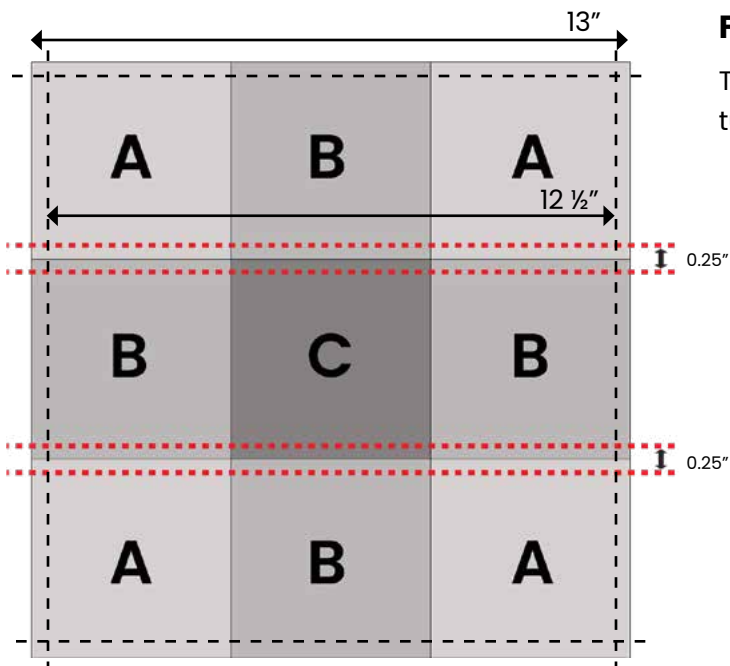
A = Light colour
B = Medium colour
C = Dark colour



Step 2: Sew the Rows

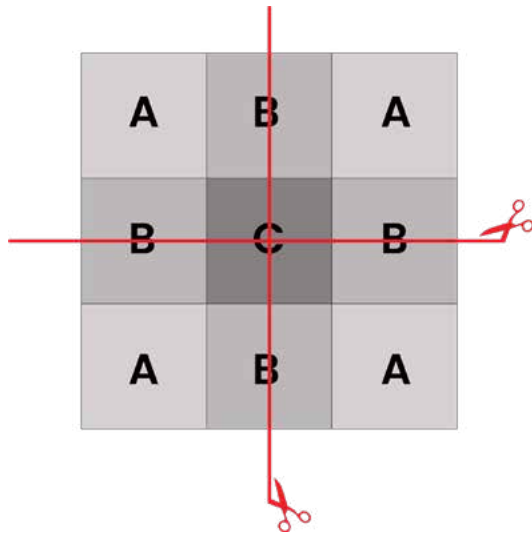
Sew squares in each row together with $\frac{1}{4}$ " (approx 13cm) seams.

Press seams (all to one side or open - your choice).
You now have three strips.



Step 3: Sew the Three Rows Together to Form One Big 9-Patch Block

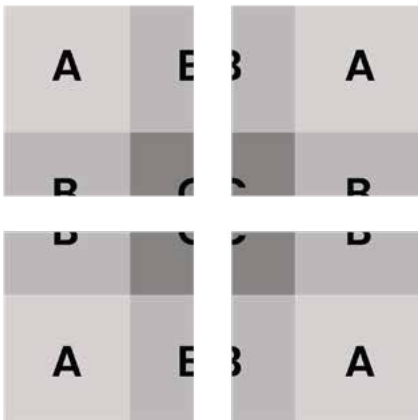
The result will measure 13" x 13" (5" squares will turn into 4.5" [approx 11.5 cm] after $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams)



Step 4: Cut the Block into Four Sections

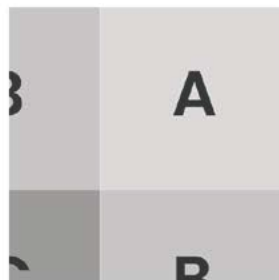
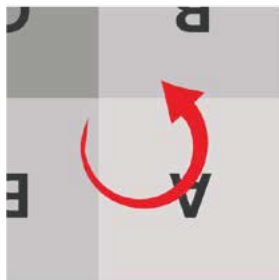
Use a ruler to cut the block vertically and horizontally through the exact centre:

Cut at 6.75" (*approx 17cm*) from the edge (half of 13.5").



You now have four smaller squares.

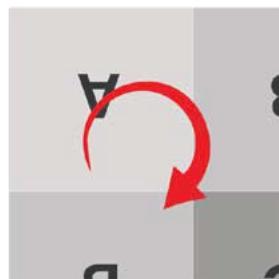
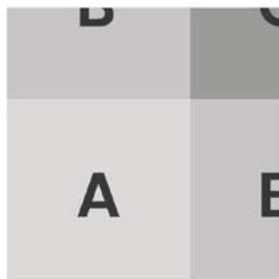
Rotate 2x counterclockwise



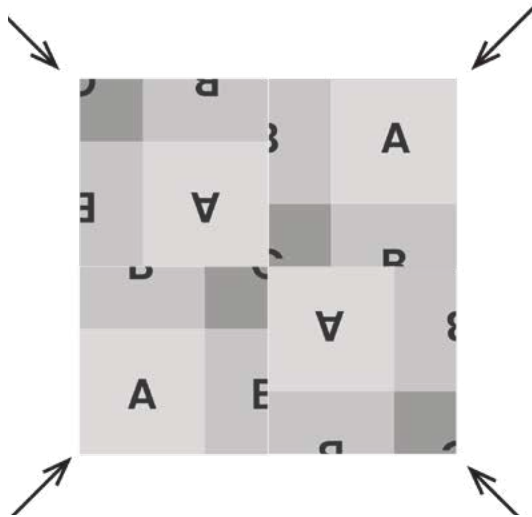
Step 5: Rotate the Units

Rotate the two squares in opposite corners 90 degrees.

The centre small square should now be on the outside corner of these squares.



Rotate 2x clockwise



Step 6: Sew the Four Units Together

Place the four pieces together

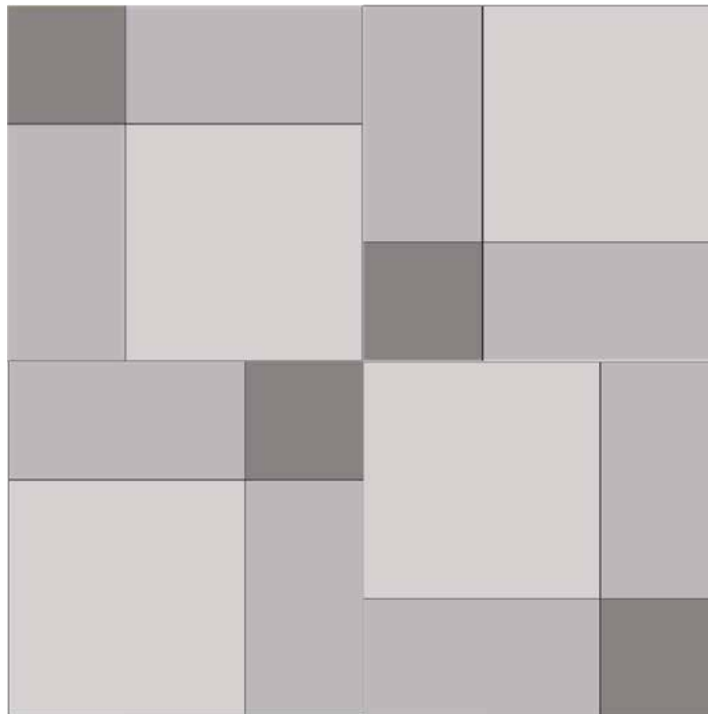
Sew the top two units into a row.

Sew the bottom two units into a row.

Sew the two rows together to make the 13" x 13" (approx 33cm) unfinished block.

Trim to 12.5" x 12.5" (approx 32cm) by removing $\frac{1}{8}$ " (approx 4mm) off each side (if needed).

Press flat.



Final result