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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

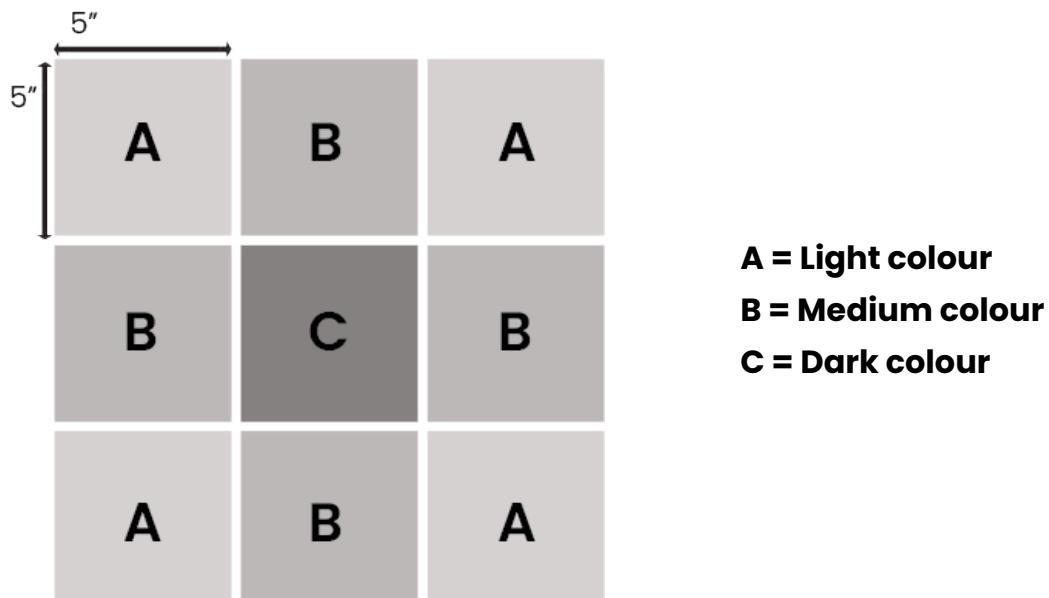
- Pre-wash and press your fabric before you start to avoid shrinkage. Follow the care instructions for your chosen fabric.
- Press using a pressing cloth to prevent damaging your fabric. Test your iron settings on a scrap piece of fabric before you start your project.

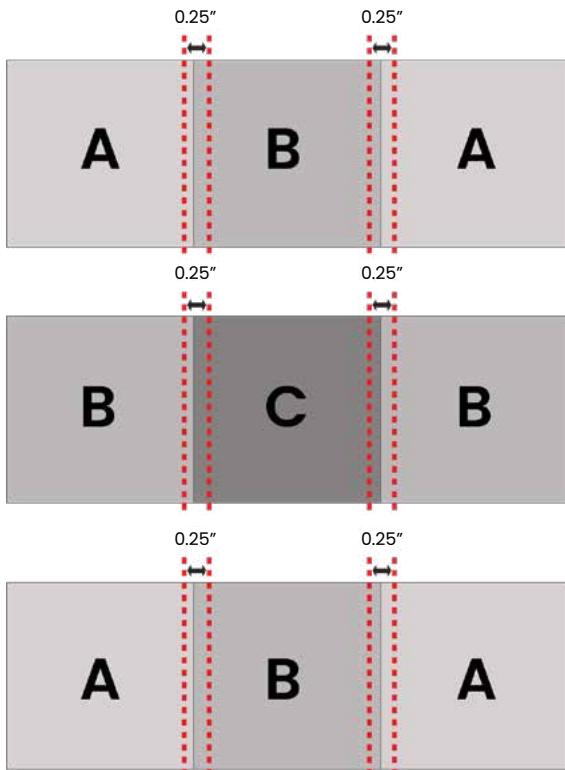
Instructions

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.

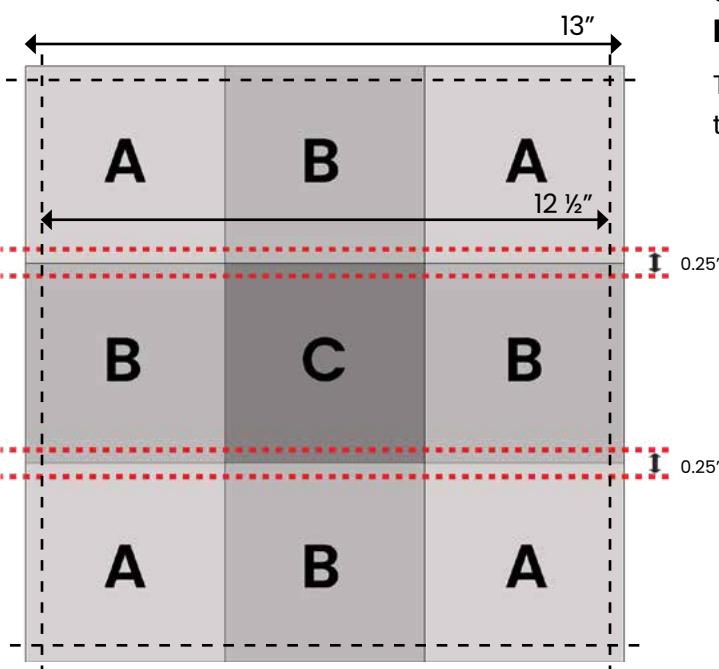




Step 2: Sew the Rows

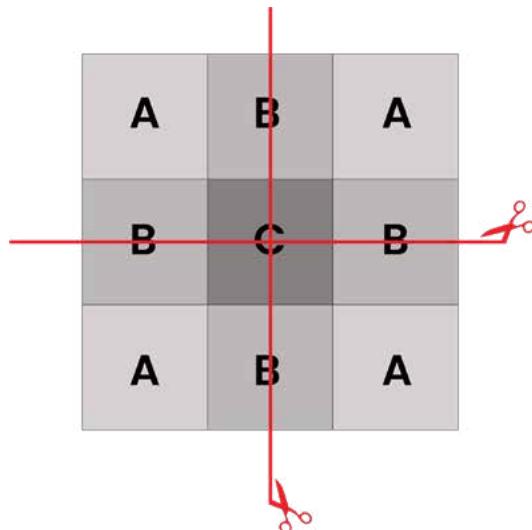
Sew squares in each row together with $\frac{1}{4}$ " (approx 13cm) seams.

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

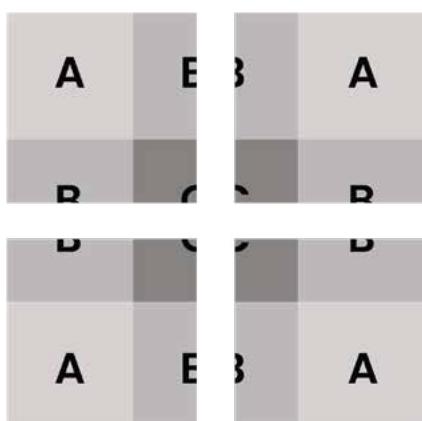
The result will measure 13" x 13" (5" squares will turn into 4.5" [approx 11.5 cm] after $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams)



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").



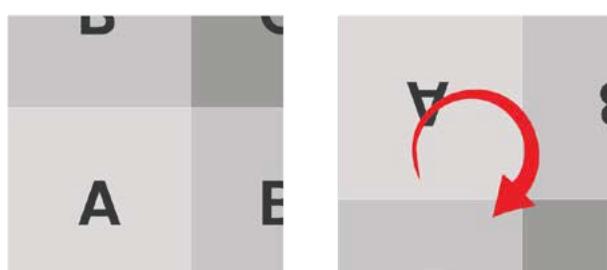
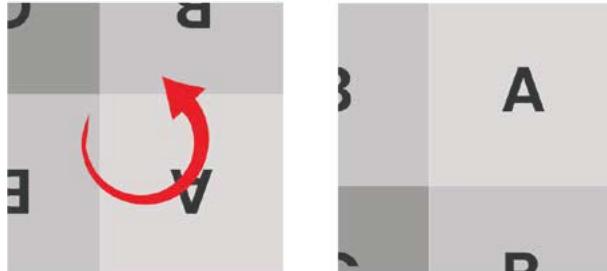
You now have four smaller squares.

Step 5: Rotate the Units

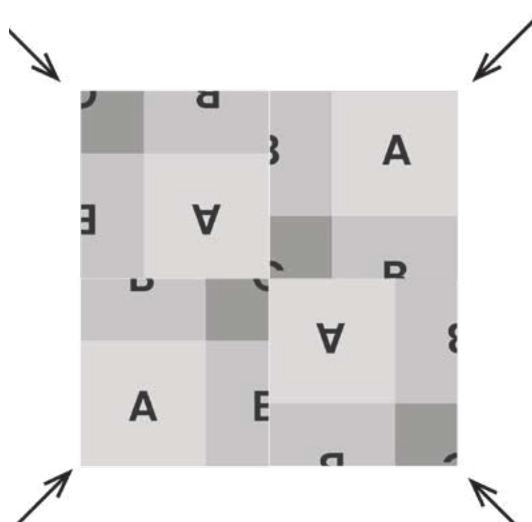
Rotate the two squares in opposite corners 90 degrees.

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

Rotate 2x counterclockwise



Rotate 2x clockwise



Step 6: Sew the Four Units Together

Place the four pieces together

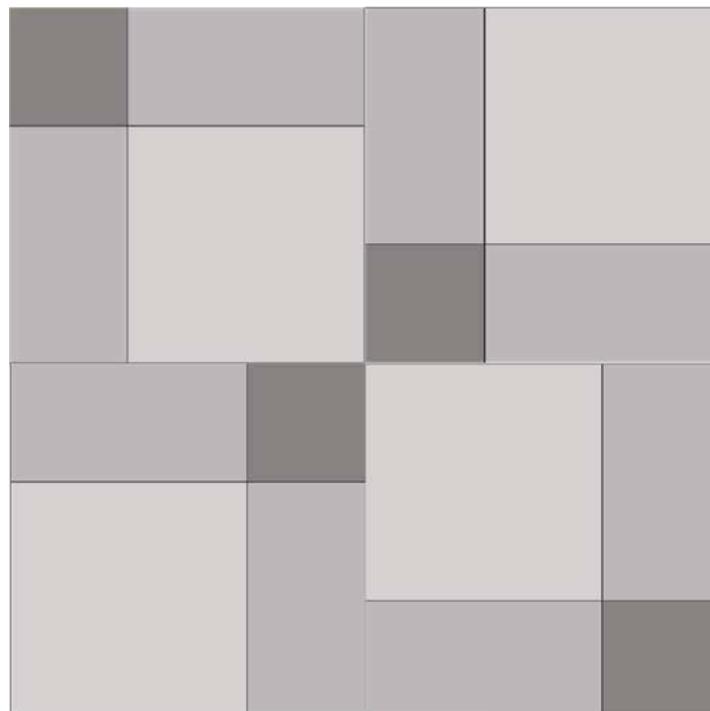
Sew the top two units into a row.

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