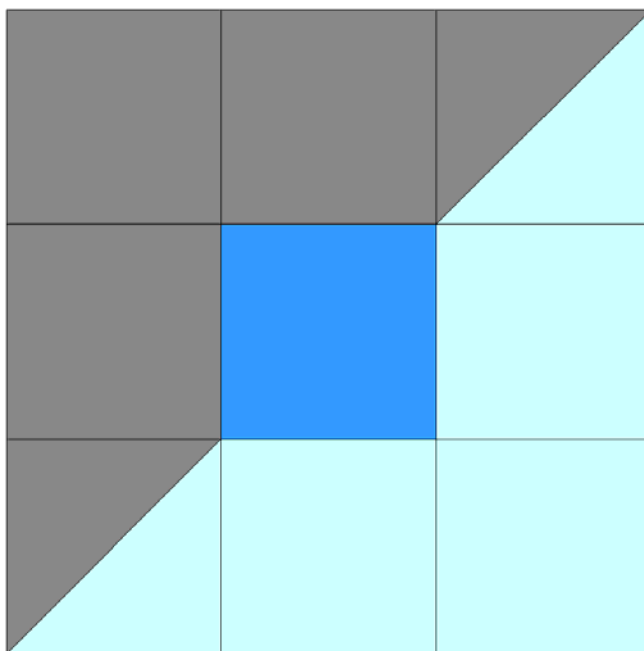


MAQ 2011 Lottery Block – the Split Nine-Patch



This extremely versatile block can be used in a surprising number of settings. The strong diagonal through the center of the block allows you to create movement within your quilt. The shading is dramatic and effective in making secondary designs appear. As this block is similar to a log cabin block, it can be used in many of the traditional log cabin settings. But, we think the Split Nine-Patch is so much simpler to make!

You may enter up to 6 blocks but you can only win once!

This year's lottery block uses 3 groups of fabrics:

- black/white prints (black background with white design) or tone-on-tone blacks or solid blacks that "read" black for the darks;

- white/black prints (white background with black design) or tone-on-tone or solid whites that "read" white for the lights;

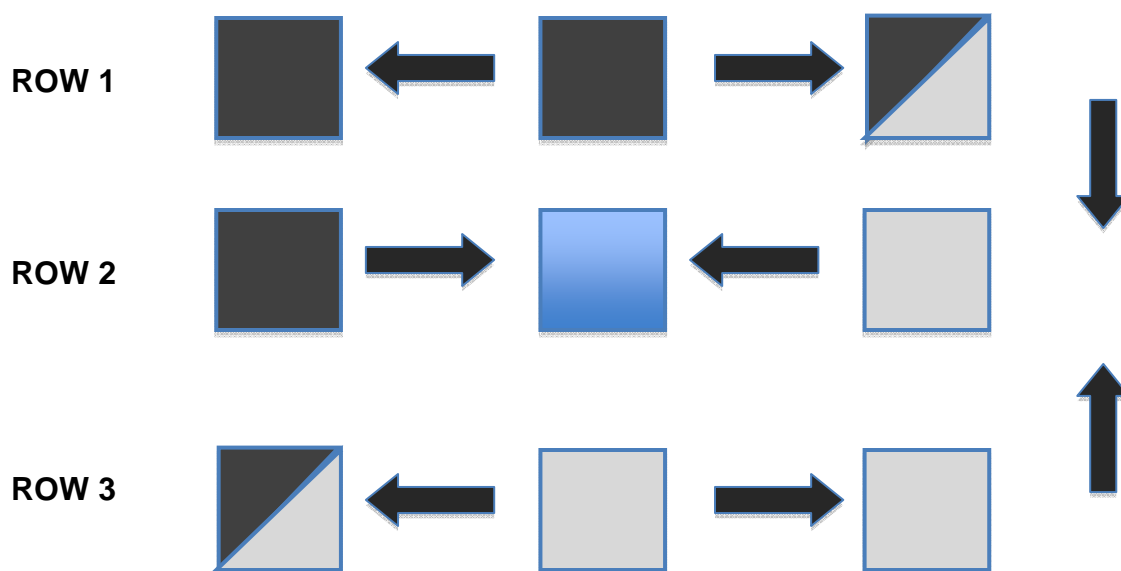
- bright contrasting fabric that reads solid blue (teal/aqua/royal blue) for the center.

We love the scrappy look of using different fabrics so it is best to use 4 different dark fabrics and 4 different light fabrics. But you may repeat fabrics within the block, too.

We've put some sample blocks on the website so that you can see the potential of these easy-to-make blocks.

Directions for making one Split Nine-Patch block:

- Prewash all your fabrics – please use good quality quilting cottons
- From (3) different “blacks”, cut one 3 ½” square each
- From (1) different “black”, cut one 4” square
- From (3) different “whites”, cut one 3 ½” square each
- From (1) different “white”, cut one 4” square
- From (1) contrast bright, cut one 3 ½” square
- To make the 2 half-square triangles, draw a diagonal line from one corner of the white 4” square and place it right sides together with the black 4” square
- Sew ¼” on either side of the drawn diagonal line
- Cut on the drawn line, press seams to black fabric, trim each resulting square to 3 ½” square
- Arrange 9 squares as shown below. Sew Rows 1, 2, and 3 and press in the direction indicated by the arrows in the diagram below.
- Sew the rows into a block and press per the diagram below.



Sample Settings with the 2011 MAQ Lottery Block

This is such a versatile block. Here are 4 of the many possibilities.

