

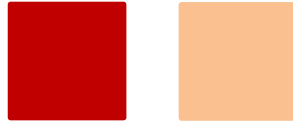
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Amazing Nine Patch

Start with two squares that are $1\frac{1}{2}$ " larger than you want the finished 9-patch blocks to be. (For example if you want the finished nine patch to be 6 inches start with two $7\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares. For 8 inch finished start with 9.5 inch squares etc.)

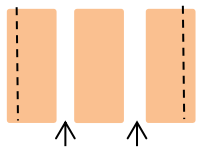
One square should be light and the other dark. Or at least contrast between the two.



Place the squares right sides together and sew your regular $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam down each side

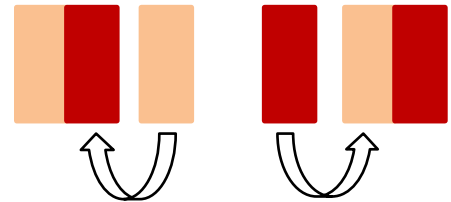


We are now going to cut the block into three equal strips for the desired block size. At this point you just need to know what the measurement of the block is divided by 3, (for example if you started with a 6 inch square of fabric you will cut three 2" wide strips) Cut the first strip from the left hand side, move your ruler over the desired amount and cut. You should have 3 equal sections.



Cut here and here

This will give you two strip sets and two additional Pieces (a light and a dark)



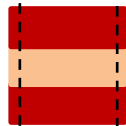
Now you have



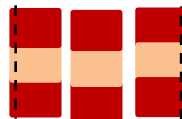
Sew this one to here and this one to here

Press one set towards the center strip and one set away from the center

Place them right sides together matching the seams and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams at the top and bottom.



Now repeat the step of cutting the blocks into three equal strips



and sew one center piece to one strip set and one center piece to the other strip set and voila two nine patches one negative and one positive from two squares of material.

