

A Disappearing Nine Patch...Are you sure?

Yesterday I posted this photo of Kelli's quilt stating that it was a disappearing nine patch. I had several comments from readers wondering if I had made a typo or didn't know what I was talking about. I am here to assure you that...yes, I am the queen of making mistakes, but this, was not mistake. It is a disappearing nine patch. Here's a quick tutorial for you...



Take four 5" blocks that are from your charm pack or colored fabric selection, four 5" blocks that will become your sashing and one 5" block for the cornerstone. For me the white will make the the sashing, the red the cornerstones and the 30's prints the larger blocks.



Sew the blocks together into a nine patch. The solid cornerstone block MUST be in the middle. The fabric that makes the sashing MUST be on the outside middle positions on the outside. Press and assemble as you would any nine patch block.



Lay your block out on your cutting board. I measure and cut the block in half, lengthwise and again widthwise. I line my ruler up along the seam line rather than the edge of your block.

Now you will have this...



Now you need to turn the blocks...like this, and you can see the quilt pattern form.



Continue making blocks to get the size of quilt you want, then sew the blocks together. You will need to decide if you want to end your quilt top with sashing or with blocks. If you want sashing, go back and make two sashing only strips sewing 2.5 x 2.5" cornerstones with 5 x 2.5" sashing strips, one for the left side of the quilt and one for the bottom. If you want to end in blocks sew 5 x 5" blocks with 5 x 2.5" sashing strips...one for the right and one for the top.

You can check this link to see a [completed version](#) that I made last fall. This is a fun quick way to use up charm packs or simply cut your own fabric into 5" squares and use up your

stash. If you're looking for more disappearing nine patch ideas, [flickr](#) is FULL of quilt photos that might inspire you. This is super quick and gone are those nasty sashing we all love to see but hate to make.