

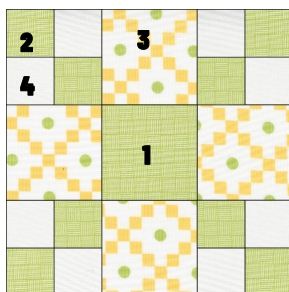


Saturday Sampler-Block 9

Thrifty

Block finishes 6" square (6½ unfinished)

This easy block is a great one for using up scraps and stash. It does not make a great quilt on its own set side-by-side, but packs a punch as an alternate block. Check out the quilt ideas below that use the Thrifty block with previous Saturday Sampler blocks.



What you need:

Fabric 1 (green): one 2½" square (1) and eight 1½" squares (2)

Fabric 2 (yellow): four 2½" squares (3)

Fabric 3 (white): eight 1½" squares (4)

Sew it together:

1. Make the four-patches. Sew a Fabric 1 square to a Fabric 2 square (fig. 1). These four patch units should measure 2½" square at this point. Make 8.
2. Sew the units from step 1 together to make a four-patch unit (fig. 2) Make 4.
3. Lay out the four-patches with remaining squares as shown in figure 3. Make sure the corners are correct and the fabrics make diagonal chains. Sew the units into rows.
4. Sew the rows together to make the block (fig. 4). The block should measure 6½ square at this point

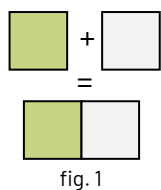


fig. 1

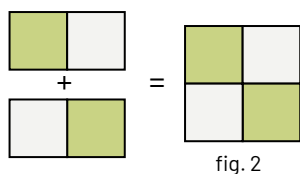


fig. 2

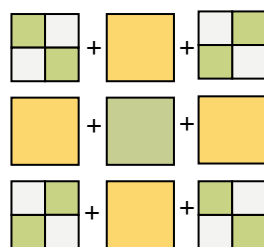


fig. 3

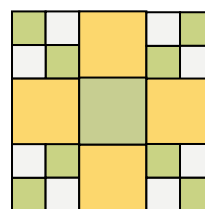


fig. 4

Here are a couple of quilt ideas for the Thrifty block. As you can see, it is a nice block for creating a chain or secondary pattern in a quilt.

The layout on the left uses Block #8, the Split Nine Patch as the alternate block and the quilt on the right uses Block #3, Greek Cross.

Have fun with this and try it with any nine-patch block!

