

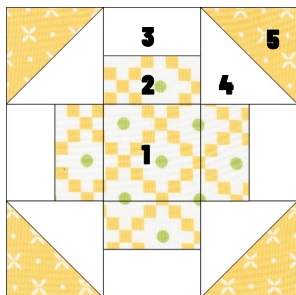


## Saturday Sampler-Block 3

### Greek Cross

Block finishes 6" square (6½ unfinished)

Greek Cross is another classic nine-patch variation. As you can see by the quilt layouts below, it is a little boring on its own, but looks great when combined with scrappy nine-patches!



What you need:

Fabric 1 (center): one 2½" square (piece 1) and four 1½" x 2½" rectangles (piece 2)

Fabric 2 (corners): two 2⅞" squares (piece 5); cut

Fabric 3 (background): four 1½" x 2½" rectangles (piece 3) and two 2⅞" squares (piece 4)

Sew it together:

1. Make the corner triangles. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the two 2⅞" background squares (fig. 1). Layer each RST with a 2⅞" fabric 2 square and sew a ¼" seam on both sides of the drawn line (fig. 2). Cut on the drawn line and press toward fabric 2 (Fig. 3). Yield: 4 half-square triangles.

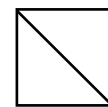


Fig. 1

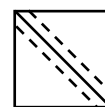


Fig. 2

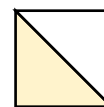


Fig. 3

2. Sew the 1½" x 2½" rectangles of fabric 1 and background together RST. Press toward fabric 1. Make 4.

3. Lay out the block as shown in the diagram above and sew together. The block should measure 6½" square at this point.

Here are a couple of layout ideas using the Greek Cross block. As you can see, the design is lost when the block is set side by side. It would help to make it scrappy or use different fabrics in the corners as shown in the second layout. The third layout shows how nice it looks alternating with scrappy nine-patches! Have fun with this block.

