

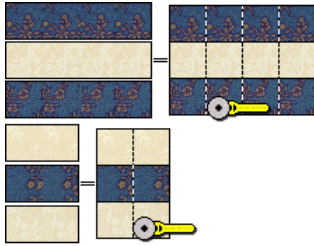
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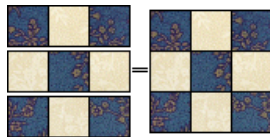
Color 1 = Christmas Green

Color 2 = Christmas Red

Color 3 = gold or tan.



Start by sewing together two Color 1 and one Color 3 1-1/2" x 6" strips, using a scant 1/4" seam. (now and throughout this block!) Press seams to dark side. Cut this into four 1-1/2" wide segments. Sew together two Color 3 and one Color 1 1-1/2" x 3" strips, again pressing seams to darker sides. Cut this into two 1-1/2" wide segments...



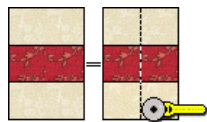
Now sew these together to make two of the Nine Patch units shown at left...



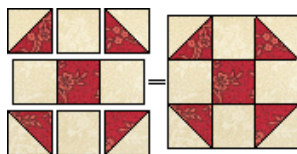
Then cut the Color 3 1-1/2" x 6" strip into four 1-1/2" squares...



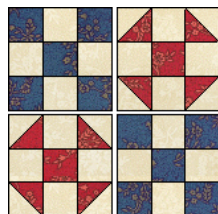
Next speed piece the half squares, by stacking the Color 2 and Color 3 1-7/8" x 7-1/2" strips, right sides together and all edges aligned. On the back of the top strip, lightly mark the 1-7/8" square lines and mark the diagonals in the direction shown at left. Now sew a SCANT 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square lines. Now cut apart ON the marked diagonals, and on the 1-7/8" square lines. This will give you eight half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Trim these back to measure 1-1/2" if needed...



Sew together two Color 3 and one Color 2 1-1/2" x 3" strips, again pressing seams to lighter sides. Cut this into two 1-1/2" wide segments...on to



Now lay out the Color 2 half squares, the Color 3 squares and the pieced unit from the step above and sew together a Shoofly square, pressing the top and bottom row seams to the insides. Make two units like this...



Lastly, piece your block by joining the two Nine Patch units and the two Shoofly units!