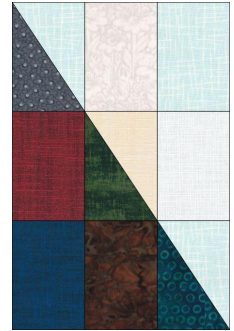


Split 9-patch with HRTs

Gather your scraps! To make our split 9-patch block, we will be using both $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

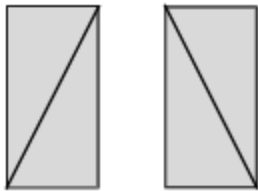
Start with the half-rectangle units (HRTs). Cut two rectangles of both dark and light at $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Piece half-rectangle units from these pieces as follows:

Keep fabrics right side up! Cut each rectangle on the diagonal to create uphill and downhill triangles. You will need three triangles of each color.

Rotate the cut pieces so you have groups of triangles.



Lay a light triangle on top of a dark triangle, right sides together, along the diagonal edge. You will have two "peaks" as you sew.



Press the seam open and trim to the required size: $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". You will have one bonus HRT.

For the remaining units in the split 9-patch, cut three rectangles at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from both light and dark fabrics.

Lay out a 3 x 3 block with the HRTs forming a diagonal across the middle. Add light fabrics to the light half of the block and place darks on the dark half, as shown in the diagram above. Sew the rows together and trim the final block to $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".

These rectangular blocks are directional! Make another block using the opposite direction for the HRTs (either uphill or downhill) for more variety in future quilt layouts.

