



## NOVEMBER 2006 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### *Flannel Split Nine Patch*

Turn in at December meeting

**Techniques:** “Quilt as you go”, working with flannel.

**Block size:** 12-1/2 unfinished.

**Colors:**

- At a minimum, one “light” flannel and one “medium” or “dark” flannel for the block TOP, and a matching or coordinating square for the block backing. (NO BATTING.) You can also make the block top scrappy, provided you keep to the light/dark separation.
- Flannels tend to be available in two types: earth-tones and brights. Choose one or the other. We will split the blocks into two sets, by colorway, for the raffle.

**Cutting:**

- From the LIGHT flannel: cut one (1) 5-inch squares and three (3) 4-1/2 inch squares.
- From the MEDIUM or DARK flannel: cut one (1) 5-inch squares and four (4) 4-1/2 inch squares. We'll call this DARK in the rest of the instructions.
- **Special Note:** Normally, you cut a half-square triangle square 7/8ths of an inch larger than the desired finished size of the patch. However, because of the thickness of flannels, the 5-inch squares are cut a full inch larger than the finished patch size.
- For the backing, cut one (1) 12-1/2 inch square.

**Construction**

1. Put the LIGHT 5-inch square right sides together with the DARK 5-inch square. Draw a line diagonally on the light square. Sew ¼ inch on BOTH sides of the drawn line. Cut on the DRAWN line. Press to the dark. Square to 4-1/2 inches if necessary. Makes two half-square triangle patches (HST's).
2. For all remaining steps, sew a SCANT ¼ seam, slightly less than ¼ inch.
3. Sew one HST, with DARK triangle in lower left, to one LIGHT 4-1/2 inch square. Press to the light square (pressing IN toward the center of the row). Add one more LIGHT 4-1/2 inch square. Press toward the center square. This makes row 1.
4. Sew one DARK 4-1/2 inch square to a second DARK 4-1/2 inch square. Press toward the first square (pressing OUT from the center of the row). Add a LIGHT square, press toward the light square. This makes row 2.
5. Sew one DARK 4-1/2 inch square to a second DARK 4-1/2 inch square. Press toward the second square. Add the remaining HST with the dark triangle again in the lower left. Press IN toward the center of the block.
6. Join row 1 to row 2. Add row 3 to finish the block top. Should be 12-1/2 inches square.
7. Put the block top WRONG SIDES TOGETHER with the backing square (no batting).
8. Quilt the block. The easiest quilting method is to sew a large X across the block, diagonally from corner to corner. Or stitch in the ditch. Or be creative.