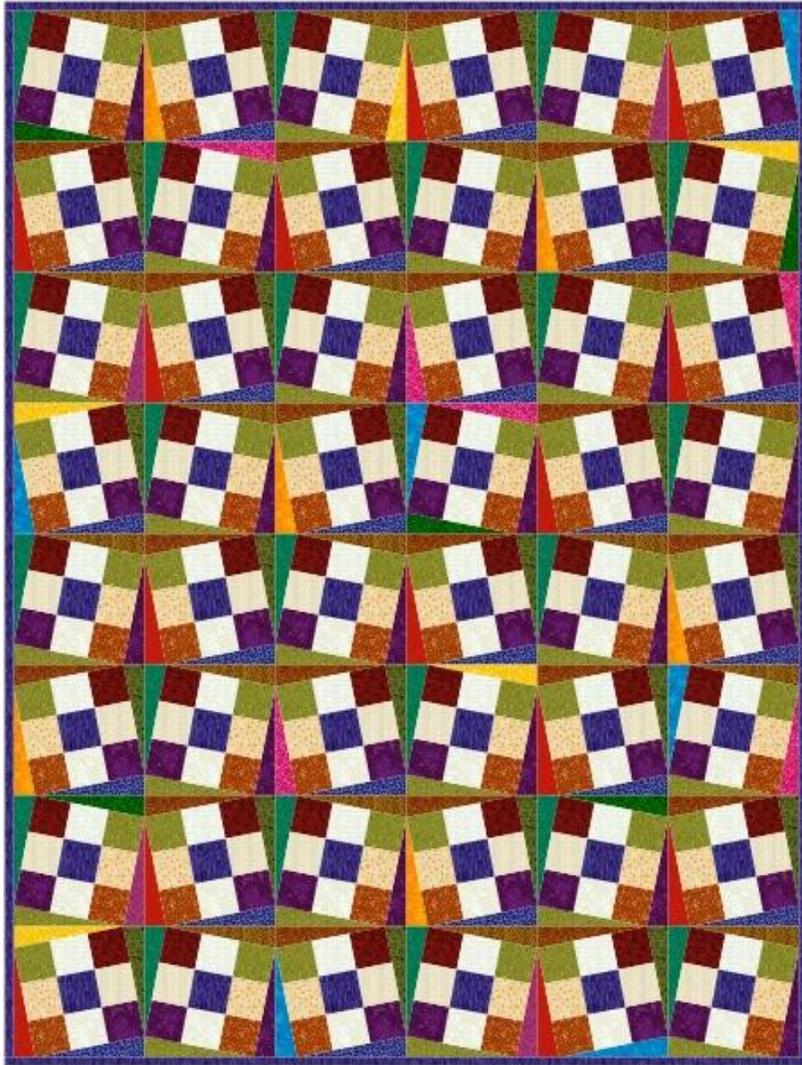


Twisted 9 Patch

Quilt Size 54 x 72

Block size is 9 inches finished (9.5 inches with seam allowances)

Setting is 6 x 8 blocks



QUILT NOTES

- 🔪 Blocks are twisted using a method by Sharon Craig. For a less scrappy look use a single fabric to frame each block rather than 4 different ones as shown above.
- 🔪 My 9 patch blocks are 6.5 inches unfinished. If your 9 patches are a different size, take the unfinished block size and add 5.5 inches to get the length needed for the rectangles to twist the blocks. My rectangles were cut 3.5 inches by 12 inches.

BLOCK PIECING

I used short strip sets to piece my 9 patch blocks.
Cut a variety of fabrics into 2.5 inch strips.

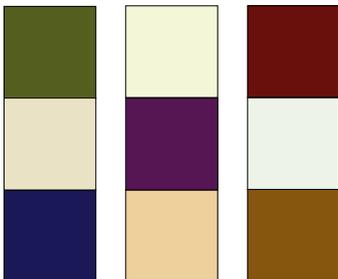
Strip Set A uses two darks and one light.



Strip Set B uses two lights and one dark



Subcut strip sets into 2.5 inch segments and sew these segments into 9 patches. Make sure to mix up your segments to have different fabrics in each block.



You can also use 2.5 inch squares to make your 9 patch blocks if you prefer.

You will need 48 nine patch blocks

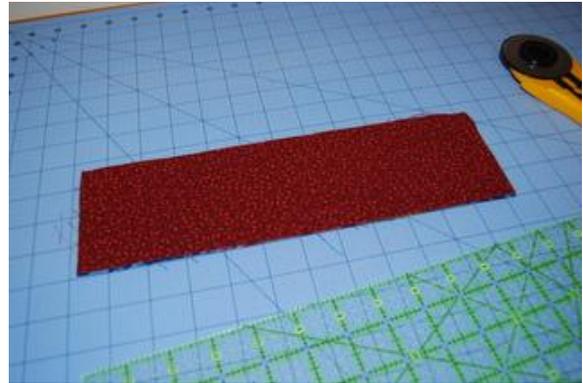
TWISTING THE 9 PATCHES

Half your blocks will twist LEFT and half will Twist RIGHT.

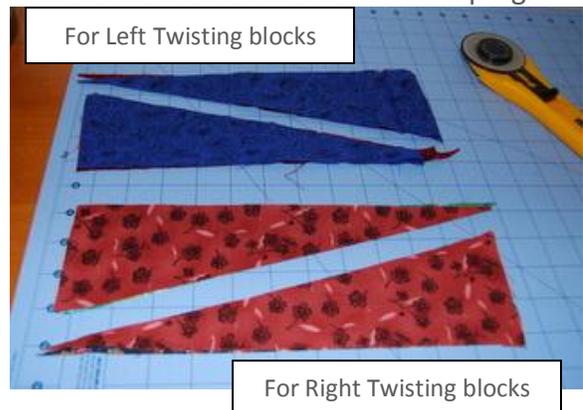
You will need a variety of fabrics cut into rectangles that are 3.5 inches by 12 inches.

Layer these rectangles **right sides up** – I cut through 4-6 layers at a time and cut for both my

right and left twisting blocks at the same time so create two stacks of rectangles.



In the photo below, I've cut two sets of rectangles. Note that the top set is cut on the diagonal from the top left to the bottom right and the bottom set is cut from the bottom left to the top right.



Once you've cut a variety of fabrics into triangles you are ready to twist your 9 patches.

I started with a right twisting block.

The first seam is always a partial seam. Sew to about half way through your center square.



I don't iron these until all the framing triangles have been added. Finger pressing the seam toward the triangle works fine. Note the partial seam.



When the final triangle has been added, go back and sew the partial seam closed. I overlap my seams by about an inch rather than back stitching to secure them.

Add the additional triangles, working your way around the block.

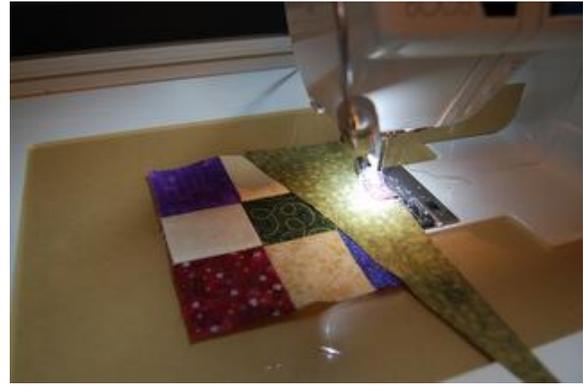
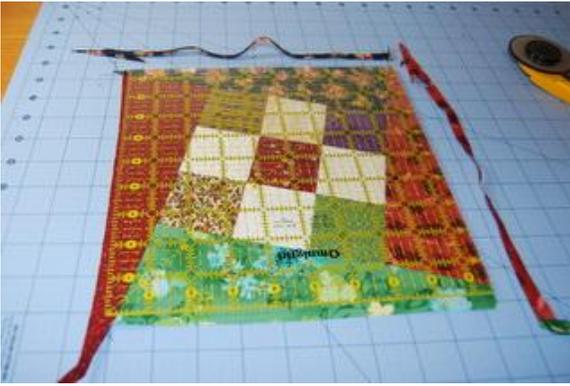


Press the block.



Note that I keep turning my block so I'm adding the new triangle to the bottom as I work my way around.

Using a square ruler, trim each block to 9.5 inches. I trim a little from each side, starting with the right and top of the blocks and then flip the block to trim the other two sides.



I tend to make my blocks in pairs but you can make all of the left or right twisting blocks at one time if you choose.

You will need 24 blocks that twist right and 24 blocks that twist left.

Here is your first finished block that twists to the right side.



ASSEMBLE THE TOP

Lay out your blocks 6 across and 8 blocks down.

It doesn't matter which block you start with as long as you alternate a right twist with a left twist. Make sure each row starts with a block that twists in a different direction.

Refer to the drawing on page one of these instructions.

Please note that when sewing blocks that twist to the right side you'll sew with the strip on the bottom of the block.

When sewing blocks that twist to the left side, you'll sew with the strip on top of the block as shown here. **Remember to make that first seam a partial seam**, and then continue adding the framing triangles around the block.