

# "9 Patch Over-Under" Mystery Quilt

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## Part Five - Begin Sewing 9-Patch Blocks

In this part you start to sew blocks from the sections you cut in Part 4.

### **First: how I sew my 9 Patch blocks from the cut sections.**

I line up two sections I'm going to sew together, right sides together and I snug the seams against each other with the seam allowance facing in opposite directions (this may mean finger pressing one of the seams in the opposite direction from the way you pressed it). I then put a pin vertically to hold the seam placement. I do this with both seams in the two sections. Most of your sections will have seams that meet just fine, but if you have some that are a little off you can do some easing to make the match better and have better looking "sharp" matching in your 9-patch blocks.

I prepare several of these pinned and ready to sew and then I chain sew them continuously in a long string to save motions, thread and time. Cut them apart, press the seams and then add the 3rd cut section to the pair you have just sewn to make a complete 9-patch. Remember to press this last seam.

Put matching 9-Patch blocks into the gallon size zip lock baggies to keep them neat and sorted after sewing.

### 9-Patch Blocks to Make

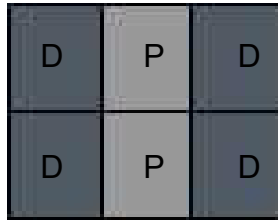
Make 36 of these "A" blocks. Put in a baggie with a slip of paper with a big "A" on it. Note: if you are making a scrappy version and are using 2-3 different Dark and 2-3 different Light fabrics the placement will be random for these blocks, both in fabrics and in direction of fabrics.



"A" block

All the remaining blocks will be made differently - you will not be sewing 3 sewn sections together, you will sewing 2 sewn sections plus one solid, unsewn section. This time you will just put 2 sections together.

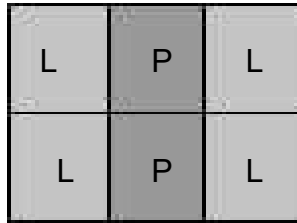
Make 20 partial "B" blocks. Put in a baggie with a slip of paper with a big "B" on it.



"B" Block

You will sew just 2 sections to form this partial block and thus will have 2/3 of the block sewn as above, with the Print fabric in the center and the dark fabric on the outside.

Make 16 partial "C" Blocks. Put in a baggie with a slip of paper with a big "C" on it.



"C" Block

You will have 2/3 of the block sewn as above with the Print fabric in the center and the light fabric on the outside.