

Innovations 2010 Creativity Challenge Quilt Version 1 ~ Part 2

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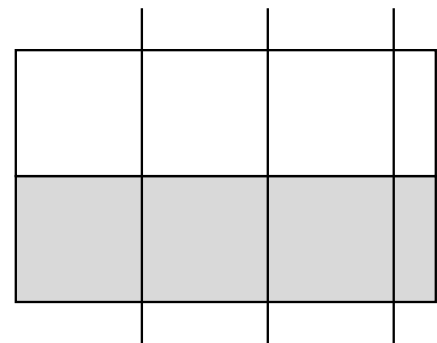
Approximate finished size 75 x 75 inches

All seams are 1/4 inch and pressed toward dark fabric.

Take a 2 inch x wof background fabric strip and a 2 inch x wof dark fabric strip and stitch them together along one long edge. Press to dark fabric.

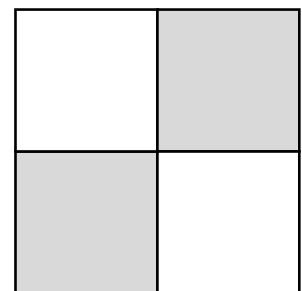
Make 6 strips.

Cut into 120, 2 inch strips.



Stitch the pieces together as shown in the illustration at the right to make 60, 4 Patch Blocks.

Place on pile and reserve.

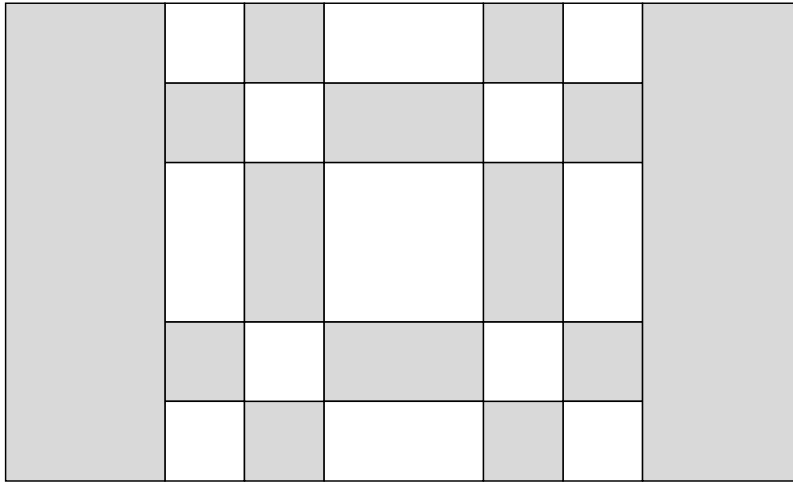


Take the 3½ x wof **Background Fabric** strips and cut into 16, 3½ x 9½ inch rectangles.

Take the 3½ x wof **Dark Fabric** strips and cut into 36, 3½ x 9½ inch rectangles.

Construct Dark Blocks

Stitch a Dark Fabric rectangle to the opposite sides of the Dark block as shown in the illustration below. Press as desired.



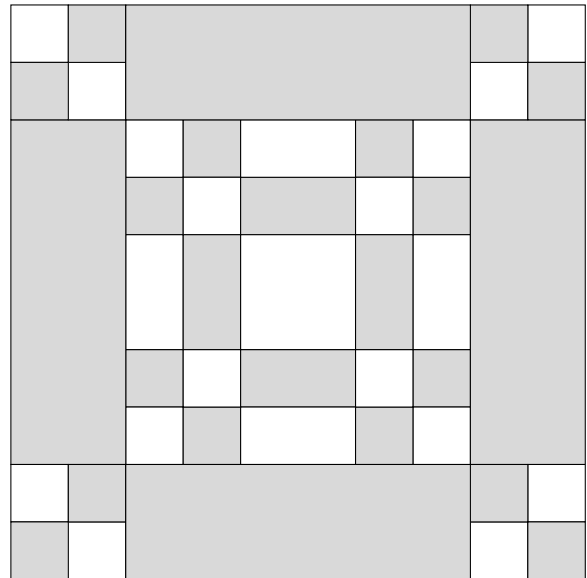
Stitch a 4 Patch Block to the short edges of the Dark Fabric rectangles EXACTLY as shown in the illustration below.



Stitch the 4 Patch / Rectangle unit to the top and bottom of the Dark block EXACTLY as shown in the illustration at the right.

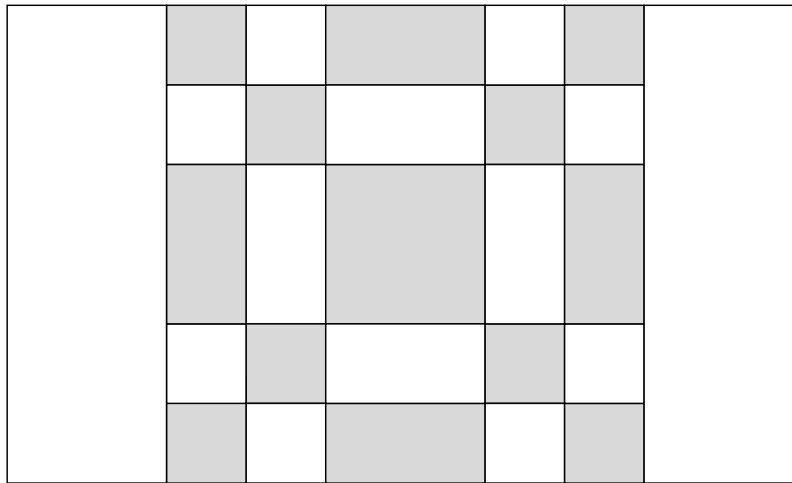
Press as desired. Make 9 Dark Blocks

Blocks should measure 15½ inches square.

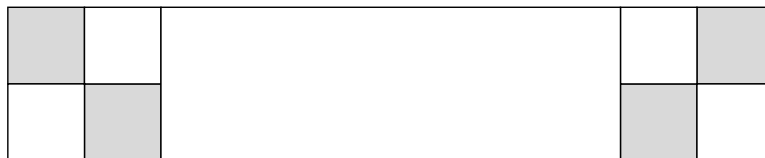


Construct Light Blocks

Stitch a Background Fabric rectangle to the opposite sides of the Light block as shown in the illustration below. Press as desired.



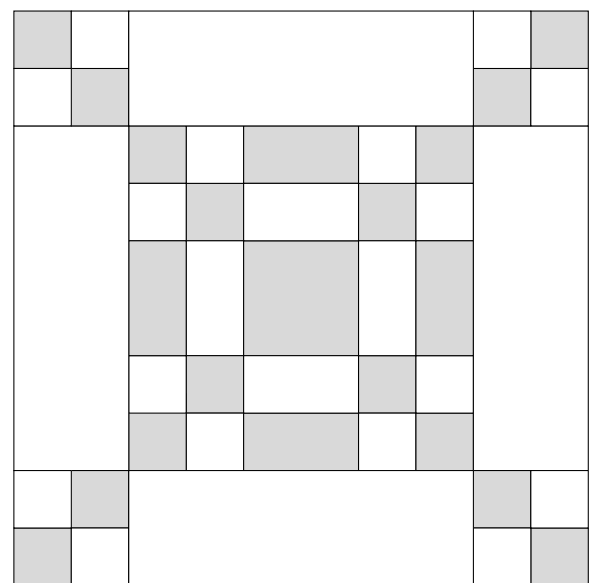
Stitch a 4 Patch Block to the short edges of the Background Fabric rectangles EXACTLY as shown in the illustration below.



Stitch the 4 Patch / Rectangle unit to the top and bottom of the Light block EXACTLY as shown in the illustration at the right.

Press as desired. Make 4 Light blocks.

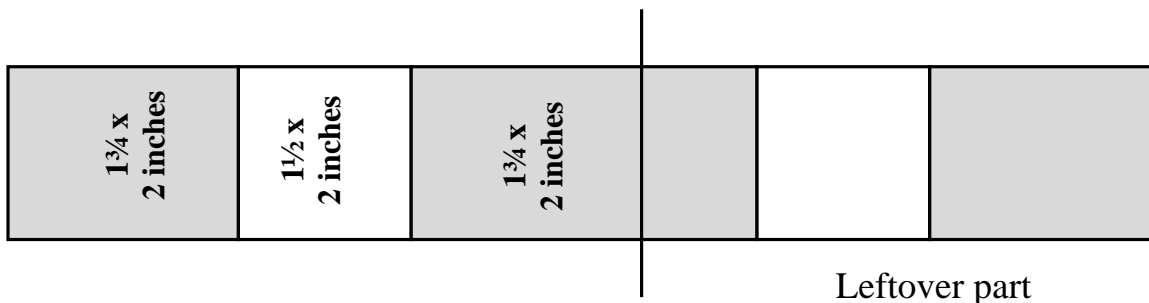
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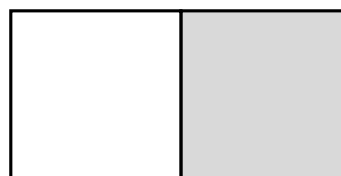
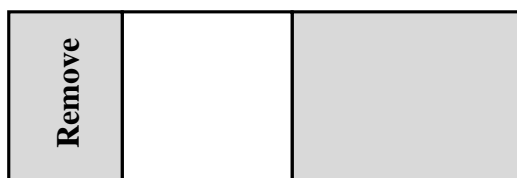
Side Triangles ~ Make 8

9 Patch Units

Take 8 of the reserved Strip Set #1 units and trim the 3 inch Dark Fabric center area to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches as shown in the illustration below.

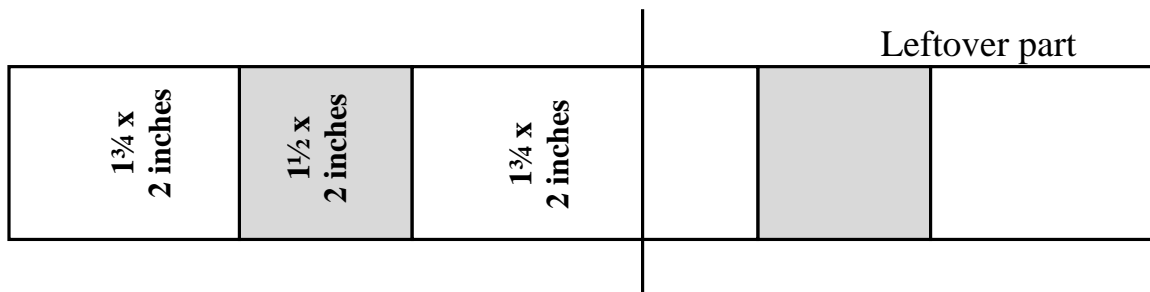


Take the left over part from above and remove small dark piece of fabric. (Remove the stitching and press if needed.) See the illustration at the lower left. You will now have 8 units as shown in the illustration at the right.

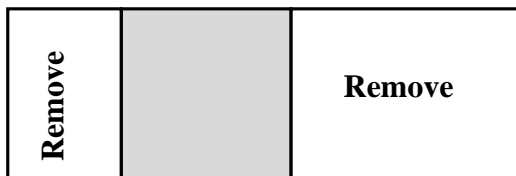


Finished Piece

Take 8 of the reserved Strip Set #2 units and trim the 3 inch Light Fabric center area to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches as shown in the illustration below.

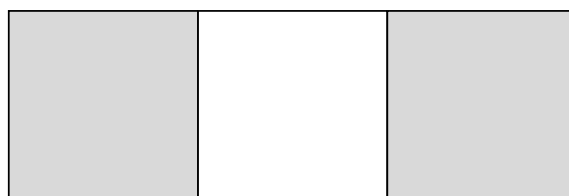
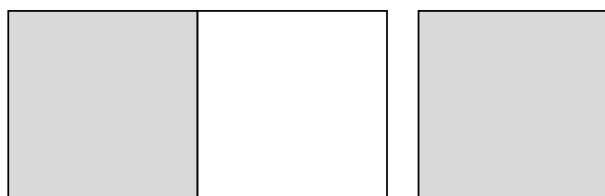


Take the left over part and remove both light pieces of fabric. (Remove the stitching) See the illustration at the lower left. You will now have 8, 2inch square units as shown in the illustration at the right. If necessary, press flat.

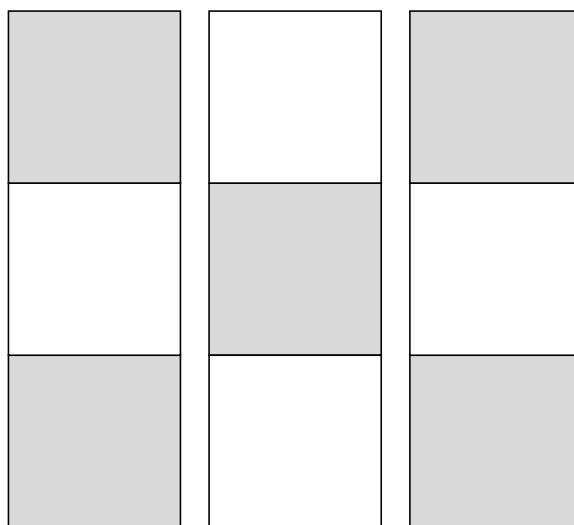


Finished piece

Take the these two pieces and stitch them together to form a unit as shown below.

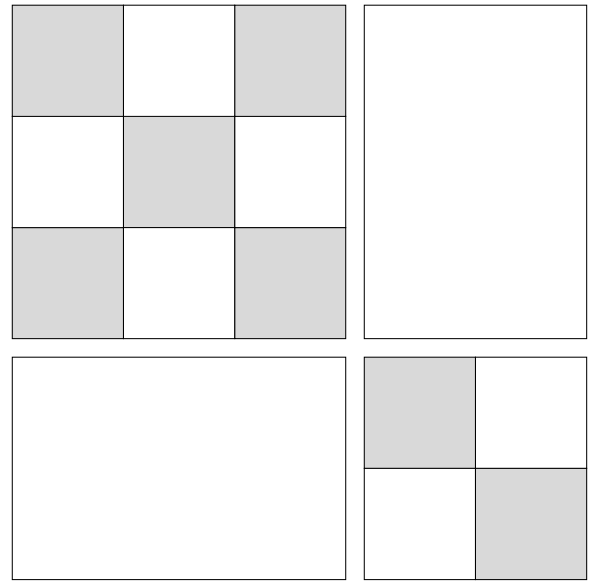


Stitch these three units together to form 8, 9 Patch Units as shown at the right

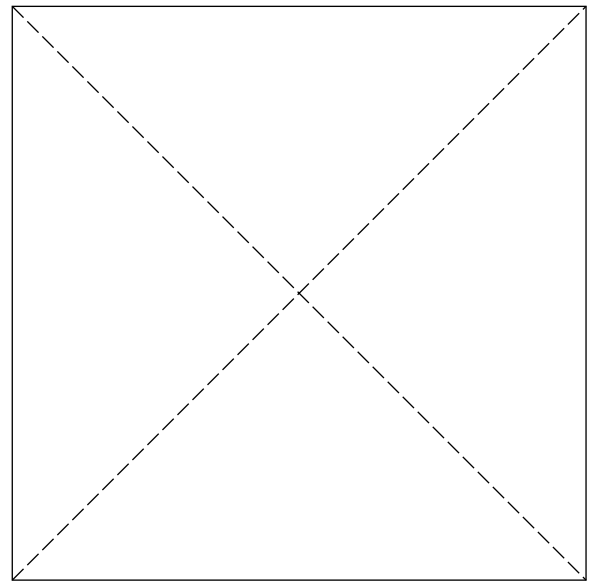


From the remaining 3½ inch x wof Background Fabric strips, cut 16, 3½ x 5 inch rectangles.

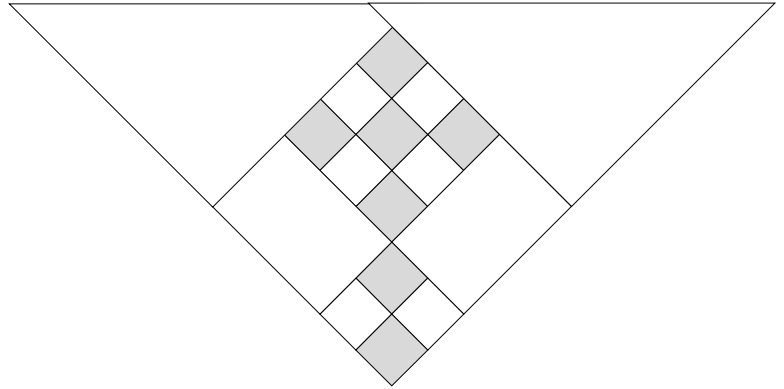
Lay out, then stitch, the 9 Patch units, 8 of the 4 Patch units and the rectangles that were cut above as shown in the illustration at the right. Press as desired.



Cut the 2, 13 inch x wof strips of Background Fabric into 6, 13 inch squares. Cut 4 of these squares on the double diagonal to form 16, quarter square triangles as shown in the illustration at the right. Reserve the remaining two squares of fabric.



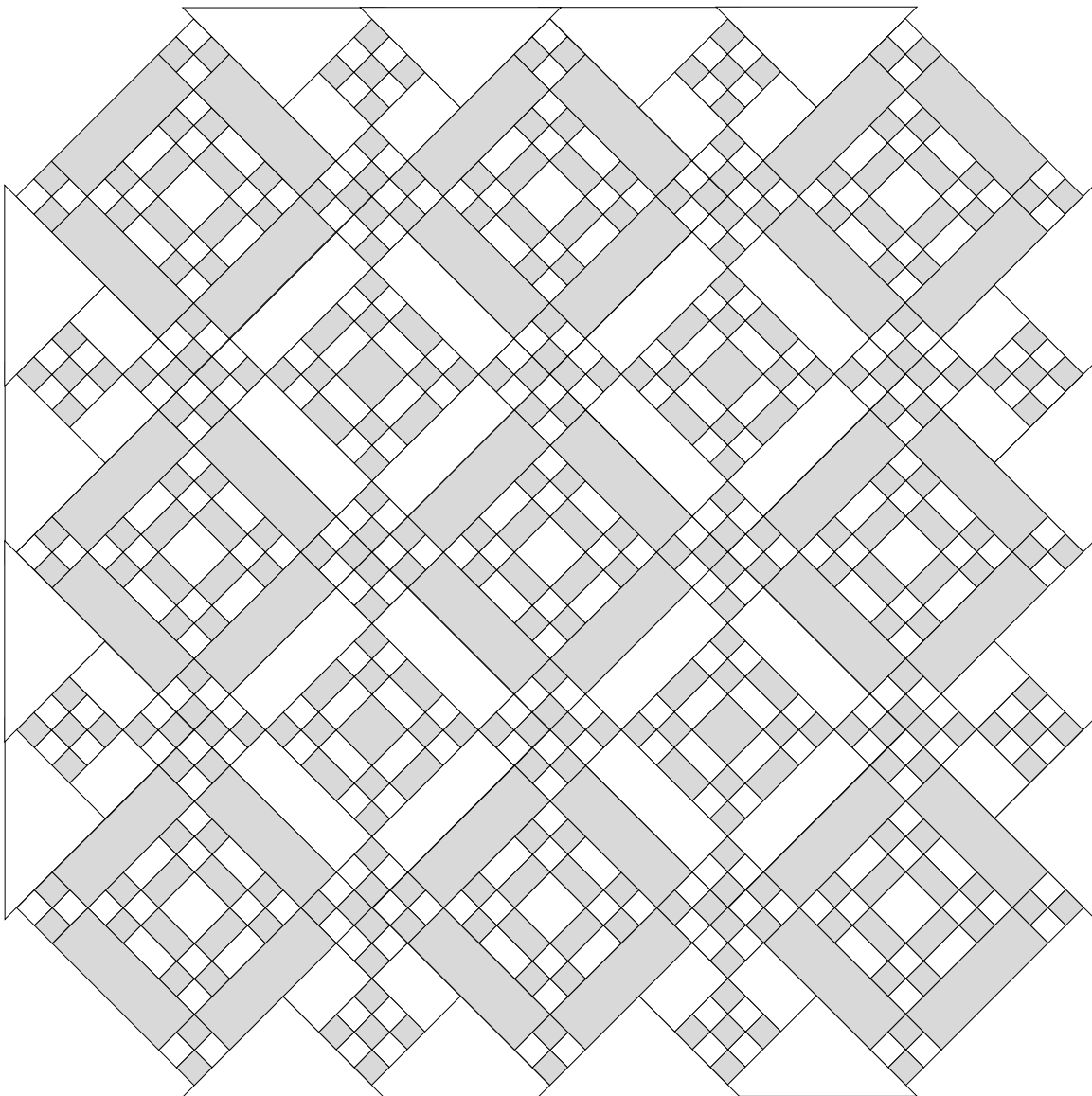
Place, then stitch a quarter square triangles on either side of the 9 Patch / 4 Patch units as shown in the illustration at the right. Press towards the side triangles.



Make 8.

Note: The side triangles are slightly oversized. They will be trimmed later.

Lay the Dark Blocks, the Light Blocks and the Side Triangles as shown below, then stitch the top together.



Take the remaining 13 inch squares and cut along one diagonal to form 4, half square triangles.

Stitch a half square triangle (see bottom of last page) to each corner of the quilt top. Press as desired.

Trim excess fabric from side and corner triangles.

Border—Stitch the Border Fabric strips together as needed and stitch to the quilt. After the border has been added, the quilt top is completed.

This is a Creativity Challenge. Quilt, embellish and bind your quilt as desired. Then enter your quilt into Innovations 2010. The Entry Form for the Innovations Quilt Show will be on the Innovations website in mid-May.

