36 patch block

Please bring one 12.5" block (12" when finished in quilt)

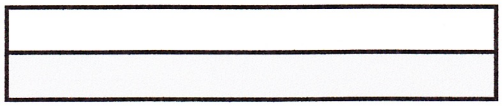
To make a 36 patch block, you will need 2 pieces of fabric that measure at least 8" x 18". There should be a good contrast of dark and light.

(If you are using scrap, you will need strips/pieces that total 45-50"of 2.5" wide.)

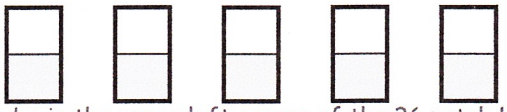
If using fat qtrs, cut 3 strips 2.5" x 18" from each fabric, for a total of 6 strips. (There will be a part of one strip leftover.)

Take one of each of the strips and sew together, using a 1/4" seam allowance.

After sewing the strips together, press the seams toward the darker fabric.

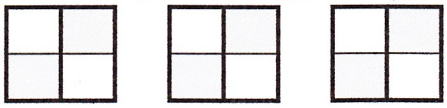


Cut 18 - 2.5" segments from the strips.



You need to determine which color is to be in the upper left corner of the 36 patch block. (lets pick light for this exercise)

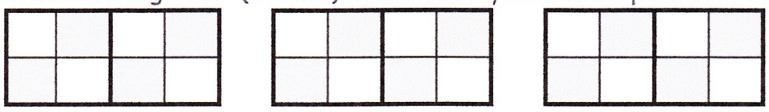
Make NINE 4-patch blocks. (test layout and keep LIGHT in upper left corner) You will be able to "nest" the seams - each going in an opposite direction in the center. You can sew these in continuous line. (making nine)



9 total

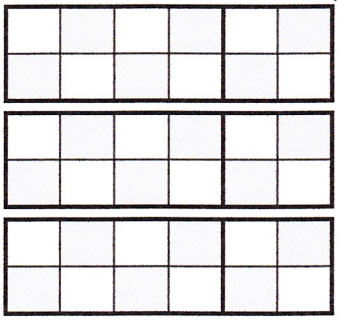
Do NOT iron

With 6 of the blocks, sew two 4-patch blocks together (3 times) Check the layout and keep LIGHT in upper left corner)



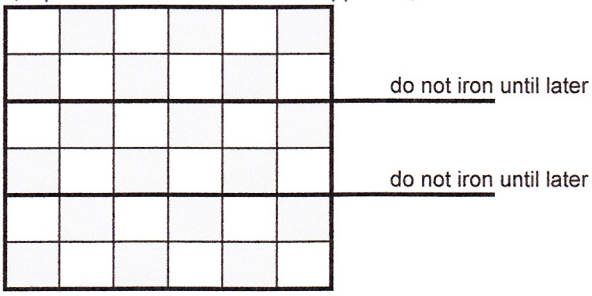
Do NOT iron (yet)

Get the remaining three blocks and add one to each of the double 4-patch (just above)



Now you will iron all of the seams to one side.

Sew one strip of 4 patches to another. (flip around until seams are opposite)



Add the last one.

Do NOT iron. You will determine how it will be ironed, once the column has been sewed together. All the longs seams will then be ironed either UP or DOWN, depending on the layout. This is for the "nesting" purpose when blocks are side by side.