

# Make a Block for a Friend: Gregg Colson

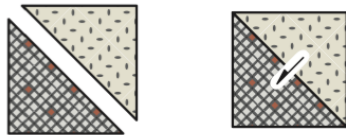
## Fabric Requirements:

If possible, please use Reproduction or Civil War print fabrics, in any colors.

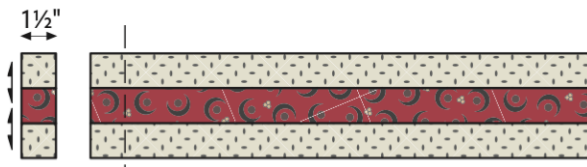
- (3) 4" squares dark print
- (3) 4" squares light print (background)
- (2) 9"x 1.5" strip light print (same as background)
- (2) 4.5" x 1.5" strip medium print
- (1) 9"x 1.5" strip medium print
- (1) 4.5" x 1.5" strip contrasting medium print for the 9-patch centers

## Make the blocks

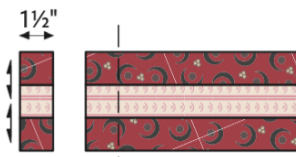
1. Layer each light print background 4" square onto a dark print 4" square, right sides together. Draw a line diagonally from one corner to another on the back of the light print square. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch away from the line on both sides and then cut on the drawn line. Press open (seam allowances towards the dark fabric) to produce 6 half square triangles. Trim each of them to 3.5", including seam allowances.



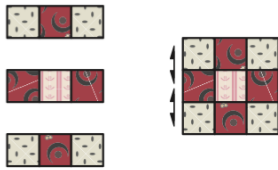
2. Sew one medium print and two light print 9" x 1.5" strips to make a strip as shown. Crosscut the strip set into 6 segments measuring 1.5" x 3.5" each, including seam allowances. Press seam allowances towards the center medium print.



3. Sew two matching medium print 4.5" x 1.5" strips on either side of the contrasting medium print 4.5" x 1.5" strip to make a strip set as shown. Crosscut the strip set into 3 segments measuring 1.5" x 3.5" each, including seam allowances. Press seam allowances away from the center contrasting medium print towards each of the medium print strips.



4. Arrange and sew the 1.5" x 3.5" segments from steps 2 and 3 into rows as shown. Nest the seam allowances and sew the rows together to make a nine-patch unit measuring 3.5" square, including seam allowances. Make a total of 3 nine-patch units.



5. Arrange the units from steps 1 and 4 as shown below. Sew the units into row, then join the rows to make a block measuring 9.5" square, including seam allowances. Press seams open between the units; press seams open between the rows.

