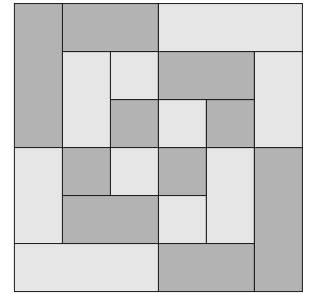


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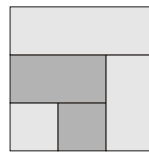


This quilt is meant to be made from scraps over a long period of time.

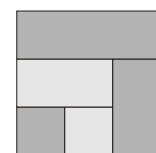


The block is made from

four sub-units, two of which are dark and two are light, as shown below.



Light sub-unit



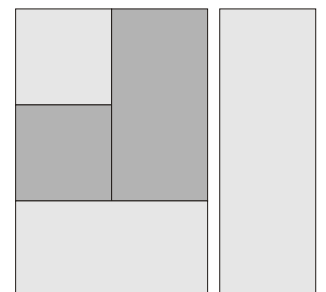
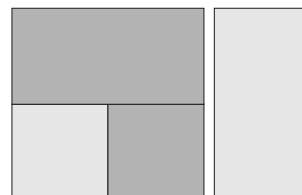
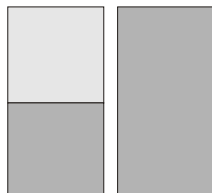
Dark sub-unit

The size of the block is determined by the size of the small square. If you start with a 1" square, the block will finish at six inches. A 1½" square yields a 9" block, and a 2" square makes a 12" block. (The quilt pictured was made from 54 six inch blocks and 24 nine inch blocks.)

Begin by making sub-units from whatever scraps you have. At this point don't worry about what fabrics you use as long as there is a good contrast between the light and dark.

Assuming a 6" block, a light sub-unit requires a light strip that is 1½" wide and at least 7½" long and a dark strip that is 1½" wide and at least 4" long. From the light strip cut a 1½" square, and two rectangles one measuring 1½" x 2½" and the other measuring 1½" x 3½". From the dark strip, cut a 1½" square and a 1½" x 2½" rectangle.

As shown below, sew the two squares together. Next sew the dark rectangle on to the two squares followed by the smaller light rectangle. Last sew the larger rectangle.



To make a dark sub-unit, reverse the words dark and light.

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Make sure that you make the same number of light sub-units as dark.

When you have a sufficient number of sub-units, sew two dark sub-units and two light sub-units together as shown in the photo below. Note that while the dark and light fabrics are all different, I chose sub-units where the colors harmonized with each other.



Finally, how you choose to arrange your blocks is up to you.

To make 9" or 12" blocks, refer to the chart below.

9" Block	Dark sub-unit	dark fabric light fabric	2" wide strip 2" wide strip	at least 7½" long at least 4" long
	Light sub-unit	dark fabric light fabric	2" wide strip 2" wide strip	at least 4" long at least 7½" long
12" Block	Dark sub-unit	dark fabric light fabric	2½" wide strip 2½" wide strip	at least 13½" long at least 7" long
	Light sub-unit	dark fabric light fabric	2½" wide strip 2½" wide strip	at least 7" long at least 13½" long