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## Nine Patch & Disappearing Nine Patch

Supplies: 9 squares  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

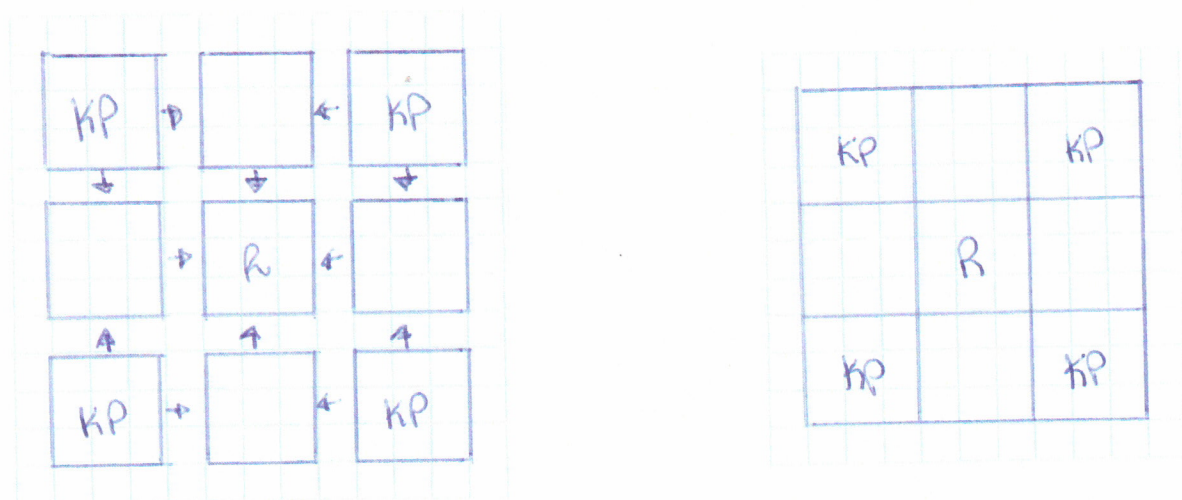
- 1 square red
- 4 squares either: Orange, Yellow, Green, Indigo (Blue), Violet
- 4 squares kid print

Layout:

R - Red square - will be your centre square

C - 4 - orange, yellow, etc. squares will go above, below, left and right of the red square

KP - 4 - kid print squares will be the outside four corners



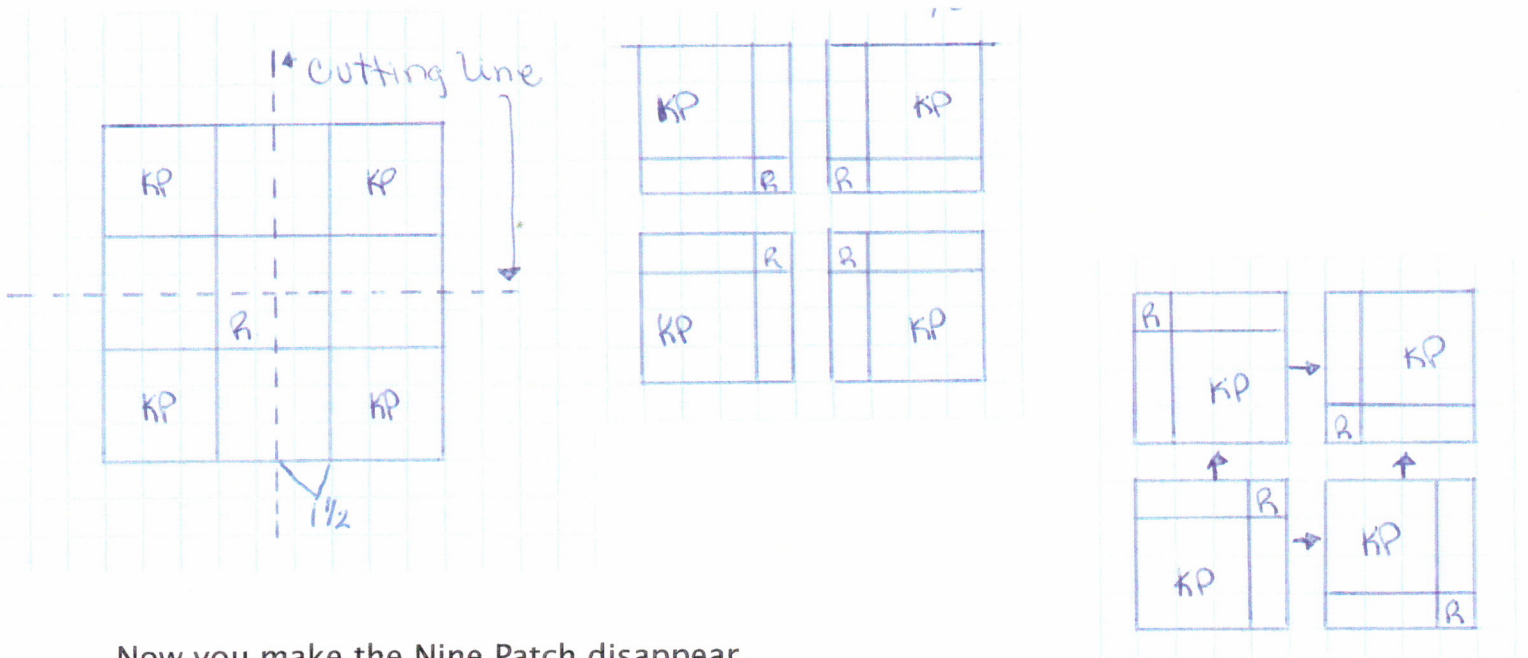
Sew all the squares together as layed out. Unfinished block will measure  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ .

## Disappearing Nine Patch

Follow instructions as you would to make the Nine Patch.

Once you have completed the Nine Patch block you will make two cuts through the center vertically and diagonally.

Lay your ruler on one of the two centre seams, at the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in mark. The cutting edge should run down the centre of the three middle blocks. To double check if you have the centre place a second ruler against the cutting edge of the first ruler and check to see if the opposite seam is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  from the centre. Adjust accordingly if it is not. Pull the second ruler away and make your first cut. DO NOT MOVE YOUR FABRIC. TURN YOUR CUTTING BOARD A QUARTER TURN, measure as you did for the first cut, make your second cut. When you are done cutting you will have 4 blocks.



Now you make the Nine Patch disappear.

Take the top left block and turn it 180 degrees so that the small red block is now in the top left corner.

Take the bottom right block and turn it 180 degrees so that the small red block is in the bottom right corner.

Now sew the blocks back together again and you have an unfinished Disappearing Nine Patch block that measures  $9 \times 9$ .

Enjoy.