

From the Simple Strips and Spunky Squares series

Accidental Nines

51-1/2" x 68-1/2" Simple Pieced Quilt



Fabric Needs in a Nutshell

Focus Fabric - 1-1/2 yards
(used as block centers and outer borders)

Blue Strips - 5/8 yards

Purple strips - 5/8 yard
(used for block corners and binding)

Pattern #802 - Accidental Nine Patches
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Easy-to-follow graphic directions make this a good quilt for a confident beginner and beyond. The block provides options... use a gorgeous focus fabric in the block center... or simplify the block by replacing the four-patch corner with a fabric square. This pattern begins with strip sets which are then cut to use in each block, leaving more time for creative quilting!



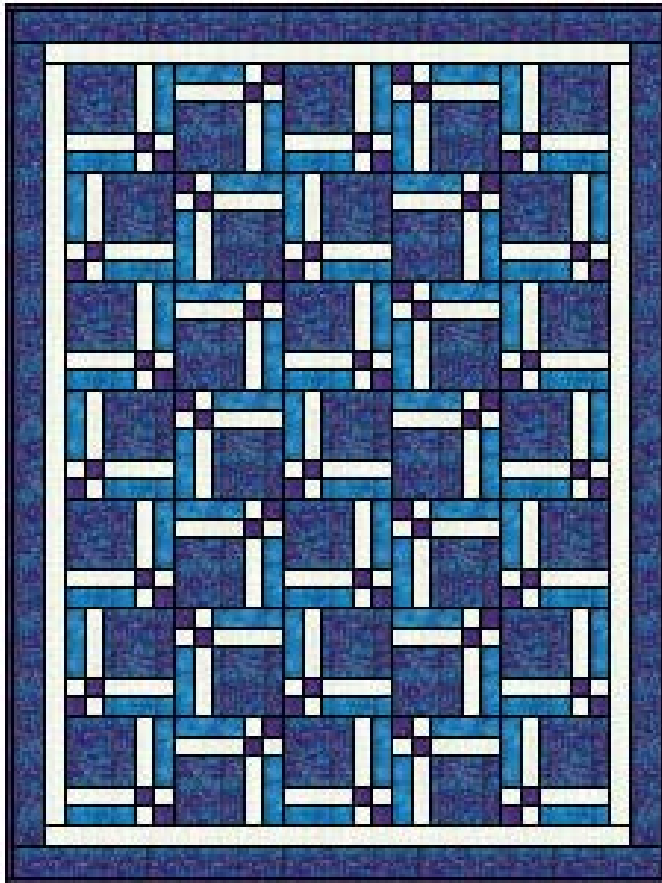
Variations of the design created in Kids Quilt camp.



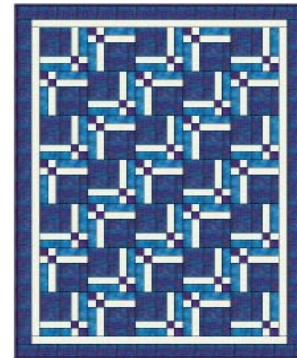
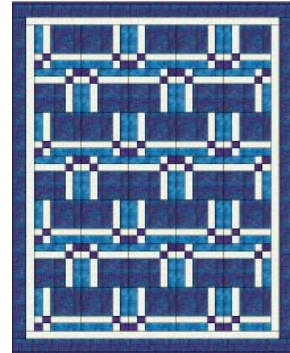
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Thirty-five 8-1/2" finished blocks



Alternate arrangements



Simplifying Options

1. Omit the four patch corner in the block and replace with a 3-1/2" cut fabric square. This is a good option when working with children or when time is a constraint. The "throw" size is maintained.
2. Reduce the size of the quilt by removing the last row for a quilt measuring 60" long.
3. Omit the white border and change the fabric in the outer border so that it is not bumping into the same fabric. This reduces the size of the quilt by 3" both in width and length.

Fabric Measurements are based on 42" of usable fabric widthwise, important in this cutting sequence. The blue print is cut as six inch squares, seven per strip. If less than 42" of fabric is usable, you will need additional yardage.

Pressing instructions below indicate pressing some of the seams open because white fabric is used. This is done to prevent shadows behind the white. If your fabric is sturdy and very opaque, pressing the seams open will not be as necessary as it would be with less "meaty" fabric.

Spraying fabrics with sizing is a good idea for adding stability to the strips. This is true whether or not you prewash your fabrics.

Fabric Needs and Cutting Instructions

Fabric	First Cut	Second Cut
Blue Snakeskin, 1-1/2 yards, focus fabric in block and outer border	Five 6" strips	Thirty-five 6" squares
	Six 3" strips for outer border	
Blue Texture, 5/8 yard, used in strip sets for blocks	Ten 2" wide strips	
Purple Texture, 3/4 yard, used in strip sets for block corners, and for binding	Four 2" wide strips	
	Six 2-1/4" wide strips for binding	
White, 1 yard, used in strip sets and as inner border	Fifteen 2" strips	

Sew the Blocks using 1/4" seams



Sew ten blue/white strip sets. Press seam toward the blue. Cut into seventy 6" long sections.



Sew four purple/white strip sets. Press seam toward the purple. Cut into seventy 2" long sections.



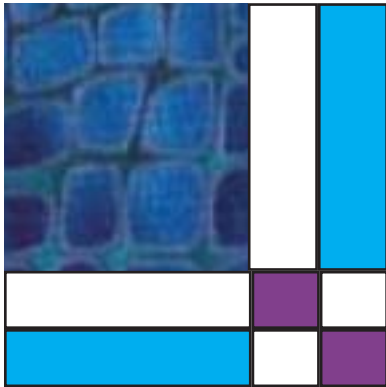
Make corner units by turning a purple/white section opposite another and stitching to form a checkerboard effect. You will need 35 units. Each unit will measure 3-1/2" square. Press the joining seam open.



With purple next to white, stitch a checkerboard corner to a blue and white section. Sew 35. You will have 35 blue/white sections remaining. Press the seam open.



Sew a blue/white section to a 6" focus fabric square with the white fabric next to the square. Repeat to make 35 units. Press seam toward the blue.



Sew the remaining units to the focus/white/blue units, ensuring that the white is next to the focus fabric. You will have 35 complete blocks, each measuring 9."

Assemble the Rows

Consult the photograph and position the blocks to match the design, or arrange the blocks as you prefer. Notice that the first, third, fifth, and seventh horizontal rows are rotated in the same arrangement. Likewise, the second, fourth, and sixth rows are alike. The design radiates from the center, so the blocks to the right and left sides of the center blocks orient in opposite directions.

Sew horizontal rows of five blocks across. Press and sew the rows to each other.

Use the remaining white strips for the inner border, and the 3" wide snakeskin strips for the outer borders.

Attach the Borders

Measure the quilt top horizontally and vertically through the middle of the quilt. Generally, quilt edges are a bit longer than in the center, so if you use the center measurement to cut the borders, you will be able to keep your quilt straighter.

- Record your horizontal measurement. It will be about 42-1/5".
- Record your vertical measurement. It will be about 59-1/2".

Generally, side borders are attached first, then top and bottom borders. In this instance, if your white fabric for the inner border exceeds the typical 42" wide fabric, you can attach the top and bottom borders first without having to join strips.

- Join strips, using bias joins, for the sides and cut according to your measurement. Remember to add the 3" increase made by the added top and bottom borders to your original measurement.
- With right sides together, pin the center of the border to the center of the quilt, then align and pin the ends. Add more pins and sew. The quilt top may have a small excess so sew with the quilt towards the feed dogs.
- Repeat the above process for the outer borders. Remember to add to the original measurement to account for the addition of the borders.

Voila' - On to sandwiching and quilting the quilt!