

December Block of the Month

From Blue Novelty print cut one 4½-inch square and two 2½-inch by 8½-inch rectangles.

From Red fabric (tone on tone is OK) cut five 2½-inch squares.

From White fabric (tone on tone is OK) cut four 2½-inch by 4½-inch rectangles.

Create a nine patch. Sew a white rectangle to the left side of the blue square. Sew another white rectangle to the opposite side of the blue square, pressing to the blue fabric. Sew a red square to each short end of the two remaining white rectangles, pressing to the red fabric. Sew a red-white pieced strip to the top of the white-blue square piece, nesting the seams together. Repeat for the opposite side finishing the nine patch.

Sew one 2½-inch by 8½-inch blue print strip to the nine patch. Sew the last red square to the remaining 2½-inch by 8½-inch blue print strip. Press both to the blue strip. Sew the red-blue strip to the nine-patch unit so that the red-blue strip will be to the left of the nine-patch unit and the blue strip on the nine-patch unit is on the bottom as in the diagram below.

