

Uneven 9-Patch block (sometimes aka Puss in the Corner)

These instructions are to make an 8" finished block when sewn in a quilt (8.5" unfinished block).

For one set of 12 blocks, you will need 19" of red fabric and 19" of cream fabric - I recommend buying at least 5/8 yard to allow for frayed ends and skewed edges from pre-washing.

Pre-wash and test for color-fastness. This is critical with red fabrics, which are notorious for bleeding. The red I used for these samples took 8 rinses for the water to remain clear.

Cutting list: (WOF=Width of fabric)

- 4 - 2.5" x WOF red
- 4 - 2.5" x WOF cream
- 2 - 4.5" x WOF red
- 2 - 4.5" x WOF cream

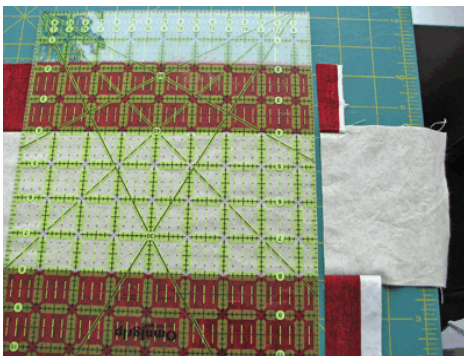


Assuming you have 40" of usable fabric width, this should actually be enough to make 16 blocks, so you have one for yourself and a couple spares in case you make cutting or sewing errors. At this point, sew some sample seams on scraps to make sure you can make a consistent 1/4" seam.

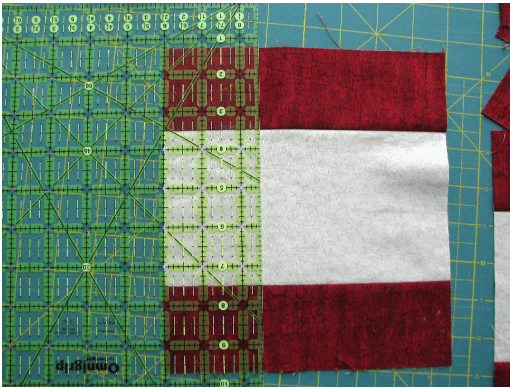
Sew a 2.5" cream strip on each side of both 4.5" red strips, creating two cream/red/cream (CRC) strip sets. Verify that the center strip is 4" after sewing. If it isn't, you need to adjust your seam allowance and re-sew them.

Sew a 2.5" red strip on each side of both 4.5" cream strips, creating two red/cream/red (RCR) strip sets.

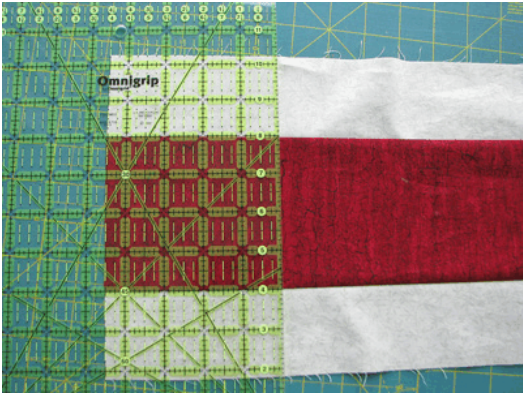
Set seams (press them in the closed position). Press all seams to the red strips.



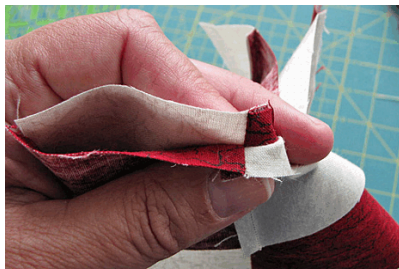
Square off one end of each strip set, being sure to remove the entire fabric selvedge. Start at the squared end when cutting units in the next step. When cutting up the strips in the next step, line up the ruler lines on seam lines to help keep your cut pieces squared up. You may need to re-square the strip ends occasionally to adjust for seams that want to curve up or down due to uneven fabric feeding by the sewing machine.



Cut the RCR strips into 2.5" units. You need 24 to make 12 blocks, 26 if you are making an extra block for yourself.



Cut the CRC strips in 4.5" units. You need 12 to make 12 blocks, 13 if you are making an extra block for yourself.



Sew a 2.5" RCR unit on each side of the 4.5" CRC units. Nest seams at intersections and pin.



If needed, trim and square up completed block to 8.5" square.

Sign your block with your name, location, machine used, and "German TOBE 2010" following the signing suggestions on the TOBE information page:

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