

## ADQG Block of the Month – April 2025 – DOUBLE DISAPPEARING NINE-PATCH

This will make 2 blocks, finished at 12-inches (unfinished at 12.5-inches). Note follows for other sizes.

### Materials Needed:

(10) 5-inch squares in assorted colours

(8) 5-inch squares in off-white or white

### Instructions:

Sew 2 nine-patch blocks with off-white/white blocks at top, bottom and either side using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance. Press.

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W		W
	W	

	W	
W		W
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Slice the outer rows of each block in half vertically, then cut the centre section only horizontally across the top and bottom. (*Figure 1* of the cut blocks below).



*Figure 1*



Now for some fun! Swap the centre sections from one block to the other and sew the cut sections back together being careful to match seams. You may have to refold some of the seam allowances to allow nesting. Press the blocks. You have just completed a Disappearing Nine-Patch.

But there's more! Now, find the centres of the new blocks and slice vertically and horizontally as shown (*Figure 2*).



Figure 2

For this design, now rotate **two of the diagonally opposite corner sections 180 degrees** and sew the blocks back together (*Figure 3*). Press and square up to 12 ½ inches.



Figure 3

**NOTE: Of course there are other ways to rearrange Disappearing blocks, however, for consistency, please use the above design for any blocks you plan to share with the Guild.**

**More Ideas:** If you like the block and plan to make a few for yourself, you might try the following arrangement. I used three of the larger blocks on point to look like a bed shawl as part of a duvet cover. While this month's design calls for 5-inch squares, other sizes are possible. A Nine-patch of **4-inch squares produces a 10-inch finished** block. A Nine-patch of **3 ¾-inch squares results in a 9-inch finished** block.

