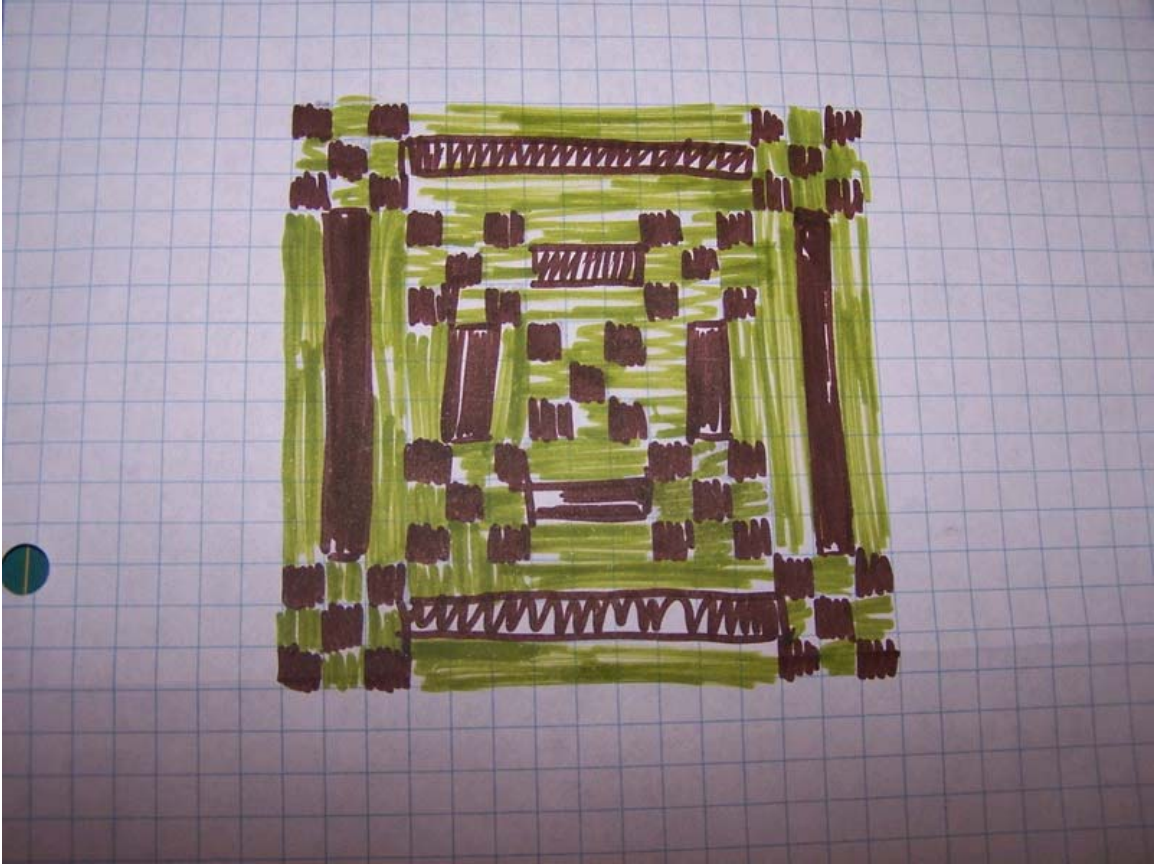


Vanessa's Strips and Nines Doll Quilt

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This is a great project for learning how to strip-piece a quilt. This same block could also be assembled with many of them together to make a larger quilt as opposed to just one block to make the doll quilt size.



There might be a name for this block, but I don't know it. It was just an idea I had a few months ago as I was sketching out ideas for projects. Here's a sketch of what I thought of.



Here's the quilt in green/brown. This is hard to see the contrast in pictures.



Here's the sample that I made for the sewalong so that it would be much easier to see.

Materials:

Finished size is approx 15.5" square. If you were setting these in a quilt, your finished blocks would be 15". You'll need 1/4 yard each of fabrics A and B, a square at least 18" each for the backing (a fat quarter will work great) and batting, and about 5" of fabric for the binding (buy a quarter yard if you're shopping).

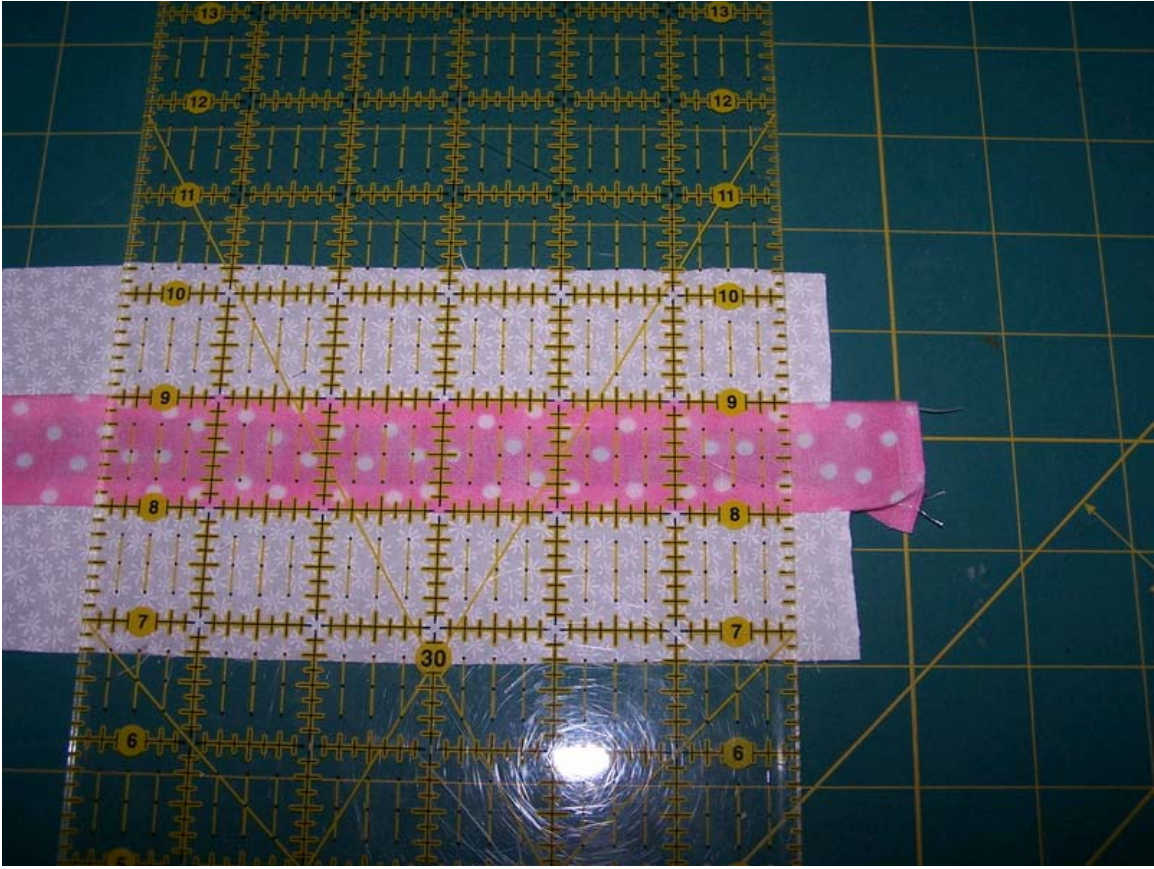
Step 1 (no photo): Cut 5 strips of Fabric A (white in my example) and 4 strips of fabric B (pink in my example) that are 1.5" wide and the width of the fabric from selvage to selvage. A rotary cutter, mat, and good quilting ruler will definitely make this job easier.



Step 2: Assemble two sets of strips ABA and one set BAB. Accurate 1/4" seams are very important for this.



Step 3: Press the strips carefully to one side. I always pressed to fabric B (pink). This will make construction much smoother in the long run. It helps to eliminate the arching effect by laying the fabric perpendicular to the ironing board instead of parallel.



Step 4: Square up the strips and get ready to cut your pieces.

From strips ABA, cut (4) 9.5" long, (4) 3.5" long, and (9) 1/5" pieces. If you notice the long strip getting off square, it helps to retrim it up to square and then continue cutting.

From Strip BAB, cut (18) 1.5" pieces.

I like to line up the ruler along the center strip of the strips to keep it even. If it starts to get wonky on you, re-square the end before you continue cutting.



Step 5: Lay out all of your pieces in the design of the finished block. This will make it easier to sew them together properly.



Step 6: Sew together the nine-patch squares, taking care to nest the seams. Throughout this project, carefully nesting seams and pinning will help you to get good results.



Step 7: Press towards the outer edges on the 9 patches. This will help you to be able to keep nesting seams.



You should now have this above.



Step 8: Get ready to sew together the three sets of blocks. The two edges and the center.



Step 9: Sew them together.



Step 10: Sew the three assembled pieces together. Your block is complete.



The results of all that nesting of seams.



Step 11: Make a quilt sandwich with your backing and batting. I used fusible batting for this project since I had a scrap piece sitting around. I would usually use basting spray.

Straighten up the edges.



Step 12: Quilt as desired and bind.

Enjoy your little quilt!

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