

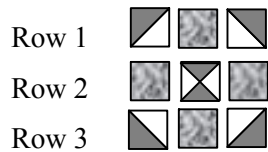


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Piecing a Nine-patch Block *without bulky seam allowances*

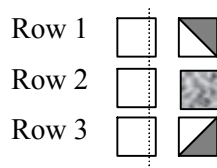
Use this method to reduce the bulk when four or more seam allowances join together.

Assemble the units as described in the pattern.
Place the units on the work surface in rows.



Place middle units on top of units on the left side, r.s.t.

Sew these paired units together, leaving a small chain of thread from one row to the other.



Place the outer right units on top of the middle units, r.s.t.

Sew these units together, leaving a small chain of thread from one row to the other.



Press seams, making sure that the seams in each row are pressed in opposite directions.

Sew the rows together, which is fairly easy to accomplish, as they are already joined together with a connecting thread.

Press the seams as illustrated to reduce bulk. In order to press in this manner, you will have to snip the connecting threads. Note that the seams are all flowing either clockwise or counter clockwise.

