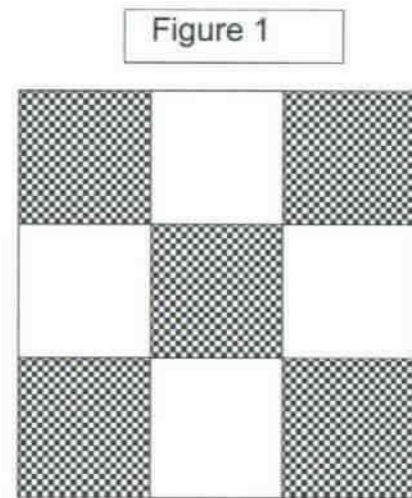


How to Make a Nine-Patch

It is the custom of the guild to make nine-patch blocks for members who move away from the North Texas area. The fabric for the darker color on the **X** should be something that reads as one color. The light patches can be made from muslin, white fabric, or beige fabric. The blocks are collected at each guild meeting. A member who moves away will receive 100 nine-patch blocks as a remembrance of the guild and its members. This is a great way to use some leftover fabric and help make a keepsake at the same time - we love getting those nine patches so we are ready when a member moves and must leave our guild!

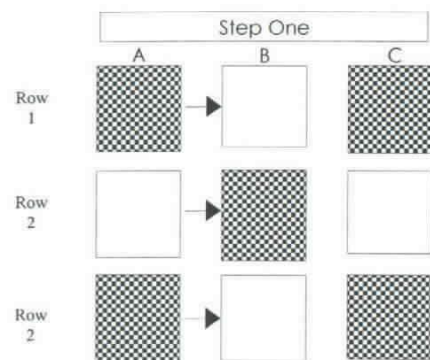
- **Cutting Directions**

Start with pre-washed, 100% cotton fabric; cut into five 2-1/2 inch squares of a colored fabric (it should read as a solid color, no "conversation" prints) and four 2-1/2 inch squares of light fabric (muslin, white, or beige). See **Figure 1**.



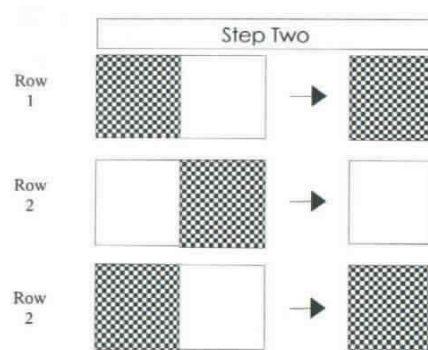
- **Sewing - Step 1**

All seams are sewn with a 1/4-inch seam allowance. To assemble, sew all "A" pieces to "B" pieces. See **Step 1**.



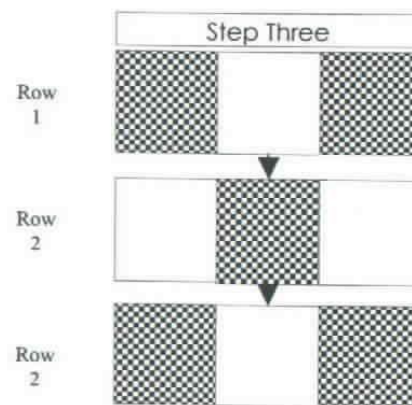
- **Sewing - Step 2**

Sew each "A/B" pair to the "C" pieces. See **Step 2**. Press toward the darker color.



- **Sewing - Step 3**

Sew Row 1 to Row 2 as shown in **Step 3**, fitting the pressed edges together with your fingers or with a pin to hold in place. Sew Row 2 to Row 3 and press. Check the size to make sure the unfinished block is 6 1/2 inches square.



Make as many blocks as you desire. You may sign your blocks in one of the light squares if you want, but it is not required.