9-PATCH BLOCK
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When it comes to pieced blocks, I like the old tried and true ones. The ones that have been made into quilts for centuries. There isn’t anything flashy about it - it just needs the right fabrics to shine.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:
(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)

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<td>(4) 2 ½” squares</td>
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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Create 4-patch units using (4) B squares, alternating between colors. Press toward the dark fabric. Repeat (4) times. Trim 4-patch units using the following guide:
   a. 6” finished block: 2 ½” x 2 ½” unfinished (2” x 2” finished)
   b. 12” finished block: 4 ½” x 4 ½” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)

   ![Diagram 1]

2. Create the center of the 9-patch block using (4) C squares, (4) D rectangles and (1) E square as shown. Diagrams indicate pressing instruction. Trim the center unit to measure:
   a. 6” finished block: 2 ½” x 2 ½” unfinished (2” x 2” finished)
   b. 12” finished block: 4 ½” x 4 ½” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)

   ![Diagram 2]

3. Using units created in Steps 1-2 and (4) A squares, complete the 9-patch block. Arrows indicate pressing instructions.

4. Trim block using the guide listed below:
   a. 6½” x 6½” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)
   b. 12½” x 12½” unfinished (12” x 12” finished)

   ![Diagram 3]

DESIGNER INFO

New Collection: Mackinac Island arrived in fabric stores January, 2020. Made up of reds, blues, whites, and an occasional pink thrown in, this new line shines in her new patterns, Honor (a Quilt of Valor available through Moda as a kit), as well as her new Block of the Month, Derby House!

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