

Churn Dash Quilt Block Pattern

The churn dash quilt block is another nine patch variation pattern that has been around for a very long time.

The churn dash block uses the half square triangle.

To complete one block for a sampler quilt:

Block size: 6 inches



Materials:

Fat Quarters

Companion block fabric

Backing fabric

Batting

Preparation: Pre-wash and iron the fabrics. Be sure to press all the seams as you go.

Step 1 - Use the [rotary cutting techniques](#). Cut 1 strip 1" wide from the companion tan fabric. Cut 1 strip 1" wide from the fat quarter (dark fabric). Cut 1 square 2 1/2" for the center patch.

Cut 2 squares 3 ½" from the fat quarter fabric. Cut 2 squares 3 ½" from the tan (companion) fabric.

Step 2 - Stitch the 1" strips right sides together. Sub-cut the strips into 2 ½" squares.

Step 3 - Use the half square triangle piecing method.

Place one 3 ½" square of dark fabric and one 3 ½" square of the tan fabric, right sides together. Draw a line on the diagonal from one corner to the opposite corner. Stitch ¼" on each side of the marked line.

Cut on the marked line with your rotary cutter or scissors to separate the square into triangles.

Fold open the square and press the seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Using your plastic ruler, trim the square to be 2 ½". Be sure to use the 45 degree angle on your ruler.

This will give you two half square triangles 2 ½" each.

Repeat the same procedure with the second 3 ½" squares of fabric.

Step 4 - Sew row one, half square triangle, strip pieced patch, half square triangle.

Step 5 - Sew row two strip pieced patch, center square patch, strip pieced patch.

Step 6 - Sew row three half square triangle, strip pieced patch, half square triangle.

Step 7 - Sew rows together to complete the Churn Dash nine patch block pattern.

The churn dash quilt block is another nine patch block pattern that can be used in a sampler quilt or to make a complete quilt. When the churn dash blocks are placed together, they create another pattern.

Be creative with your color placement. Use a contrasting color for the center square or use scraps for a completely different look.

Remember, this is your quilt. Have fun!