President's teachable Moment 2026-27
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This year is a part BOM (Block of the month) and part Mystery Quilt.
The theme is Disappearing Blocks
My layout design will be based on Row by Row....
However, as you participate, you may find a block that you really like and that you want to use for an entire quilt.
The Row-by-Row Quilt will include rows of Disappearing quilt block designs interspersed with rows of some blocks that are 'whimsical' /seasonal/ heart warming
Disappearing blocks that we will be using will be based on disappearing 4 patch, 9 patch, double disappearing 9 patch, pinwheel, and basket.
Each month you will receive directions to make one block. Although depending on the size of quilt you want to make will depend on the number of duplicate blocks that you make.
I will use 5 blocks in each horizontal row and add a border at the end. The goal is that the quilt will end up being about 60x80 inches. If you use less blocks your quilt may end up being a sampler or a lap quilt.
You can choose to make less rows of the 8 that will be provided.
The end result: creative process and decisions are yours to make.
Fabric selection is up to you. Scraps will work well. .... multiple colours, a few colourways... . You can use solids or tone on tone...whatever makes you happy.
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For the disappearing blocks if you use large prints, some of them may end up being cut into smaller pieces and not give you your desired outcome.... ask me how I know!

Layouts of Row-by-Row quilts show horizontal rows.... some show vertical rows.

In my layout, I plan to make horizontal rows.

September 2026:

The first block in this year's Row by Row Quilt is :

Disappearing 9 patch

<u>Specific details:</u>

Unfinished size 11 inches

For each block:

-cut 4 squares of light (background) fabric measuring 4 ¼ x 4 ¼ inches

-cut 5 squares of dark (primary) fabric measuring 4 ¼ x 4 ¼ inches

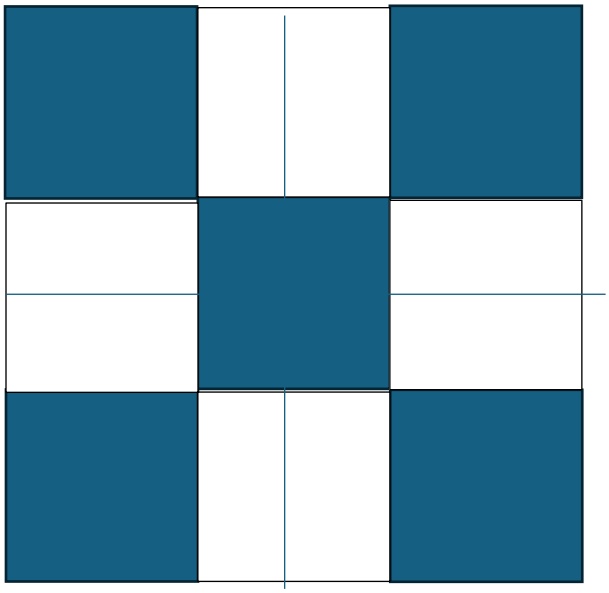
Step 1. Arrange the squares into a 9-patch checkerboard and sew together

Press toward the dark colour in each row so that your seams will nest.

If making multiple blocks you can do variations of strip piecing.

Step 2. **Cut this 9-patch block into 4 equal pieces.** One cut goes horizontally through the centre, and one cut goes vertically through the centre.

To do this; fold the block into quarters and press to mark the centre and cut on those marks **or** CUT 1 7/8 inch from the edge of the centre dark square



You now have 4 blocks.

Step 3

Take the **upper left block** and rotate it 180 Degrees. The centre piece is now pointed out to the upper left.

Step 4

Take the **lower right block** and rotate it 180 degrees, The centre piece is now pointed out to the lower right.

Step 5: sew the blocks together as shown in the picture.

Step 6:

Trim the block to 11 inches square

Note: for the scrappier blocks, when you lay out your nine-patch, it is nice if the centre block is a different value- (lighter or darker) than the Corner Blocks.