

Pattern names, like all vocabulary, change over time. The right name for a pattern is what you call it."

~ Barbara Brackman

1896 - One of the earliest patchwork quilt patterns, this nine patch variation, was called "a Plain Block" in the [Ladies Home Journal](#) in **1896**. When these 3" blocks were made, in the second quarter of the 19th Century, it may have just been called a **nine patch**.

Block Number 1 is a simple nine patch and is constructed like the sample below using a 1/4 inch seam.



Block Number 2 consists of three strips. The light color is sewn in the middle as illustrated below using a 1/4 inch seam.



The blocks can be set straight or on point.

