

May 2011 Lotto Block  
Funky Nine Patch

Cut two pieces of fabric 7½" square. One should read blue, the other should contrast well. Either the lighter or the darker may be the blue piece, but they should differ greatly in value so the resulting blocks have strong contrast. Lay them right side up exactly on top of each other. This is important since the pieces will be shuffled but still need to maintain that 7½" square size. Make two vertical cuts through both fabrics. They may be evenly spaced or not. This month all cuts must be at 90°! Make two horizontal cuts through both fabrics. They may be evenly spaced or not. Now shuffle the pieces of the two fabrics to form 2 nine patch blocks. Sew them together to be reverse images or not. I discovered that it is **much** harder to place them such that they do not make reverse images, so this is a design challenge. ;) Please press to the dark and nest your seams. However, if you create a really small piece, please make it the center piece and press one direction.

Your blocks will now measure 6½" square.

The two blocks sewn from this process equal one lotto entry.

**Note:** *If you choose to make more than one entry, please use a different combination of fabrics for each nine patch set.*

Happy Scrappy piecing!  
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