

## **BLOCK NINE: One Patch-Variation**

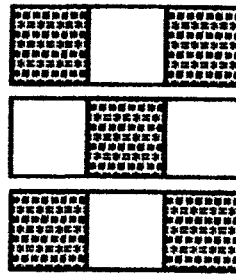
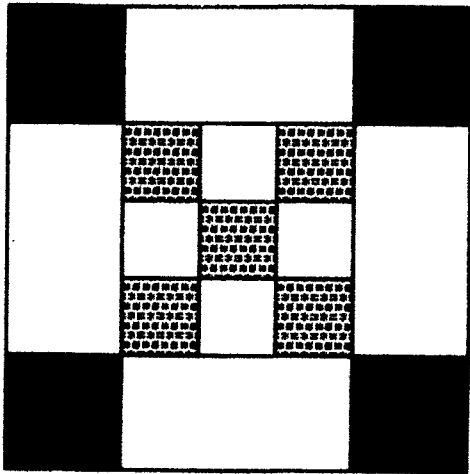
**Multiple patch quilts ranging from a simple one patch to the more complex nine patch, we're popular with the Amish and lend themselves to the use of scraps of leftover fabrics or worn clothing to give a multitude of possibilities for intriguing colorations. Scraps were used up by interchanging several different fabrics of a similar color. This pattern was often used as a beginning quilt for young girls. Initials and dates were sometimes quilted into the border of the quilt, making these more valuable.**

**Quilting reinforced the bond between the older and younger women. This gave them the opportunity to communicate values and faith. The Amish are descendants of mostly Swiss and German Anabaptists who began immigrating to America in the 1700s to escape religious persecution. Known for their piety, plain dress, and resistance to the trappings of the modern world, they govern their lives in adherence to the principles of simplicity, humility, discipline, and community.**

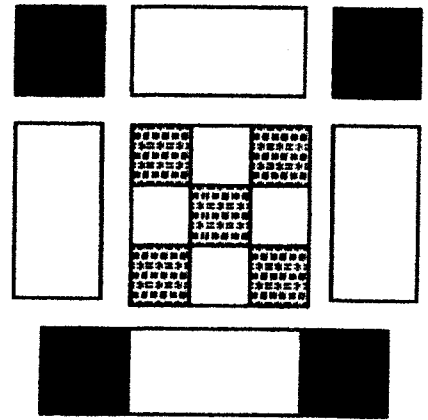
**Amish quilts are a visual distillation of these precepts. In them strong color fields and abstract forms combine to create monumental geometries that radiate the harmony and dignity of Amish life. Given the context in which each was created, it may come as a surprise that Amish quilts, made by women in isolated communities, have much in common with some of the great abstract art of the 20th century.**

**Thank you for following along this year as the Block of the Month explored the Amish quilt. Hopefully, the information and patterns provided have whetted your appetite for further exploration on your own. If that is the case, in Reedley, California, there is a**

**Mennonite quilt museum/store that is worth exploring. There are also periodic displays of Amish quilts at the San Jose Quilt Museum. Other museums also offer occasional displays of Amish quilts.**



Unit 1  
Make 1



Assemble block  
as shown above



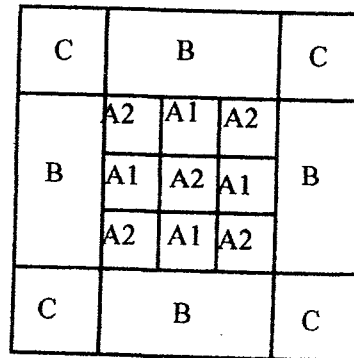
Fabric #1 (red)



Fabric #2 (lt. teal)



Fabric #3 (dk. Teal)



**Rotary Cutting Measurements:**

**From Fabric #1**

A1 cut (4) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares

B cut (4) 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles

**From Fabric #2**

A2 cut (5) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares

**From Fabric #3**

C cut (4) 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares