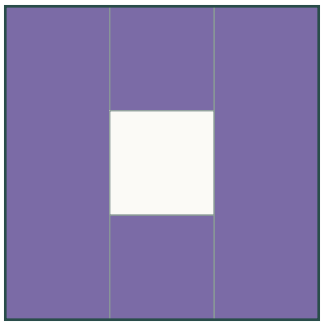
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

BLOCKS IN A BOX

One square, framed.



5 pieces, 2 fabrics

Five pieces and four seams: one square of a contrast fabric sits in the middle of a frame made from a single fabric. The big pieces show off a favorite print, and the plain block rests the eye between busier blocks in a quilt.

SKILL Beginner

SEAMS ¼" throughout

SIZES 6", 9", 12" and 15" finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	6"	9"	12"	15"
① Center: cut 1 square The center.	2½" sq	3½" sq	4½" sq	5½" sq
2 Main: cut 2 rectangles The two sides, as long as the block.	2½" × 6½"	3½" × 9½"	4½" × 12½"	5½" × 15½"
3 Main: cut 2 squares Above and below the center square.	2½" sq	3½" sq	4½" sq	5½" sq

Fabric, for one block

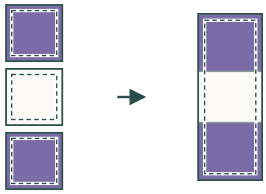
Buy at least	6"	9"	12"	15"
■ Main	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
☐ Center	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

Worked out the way QuiltPlan's shopping list does it: 42" of usable width, 15% for waste, rounded up to the quarter yard. For a whole quilt, place the block in the app and it totals every block for you.

Good to know

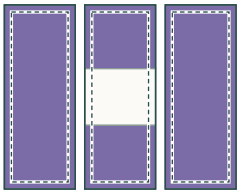
- Long seams stretch. Pin both ends and the middle of each side rectangle, and let the feed dogs do the work rather than pulling.
- Using a print with a motif you love, such as a flower? Center the motif under your ruler before you cut the Center square.
- **Why these sizes?** At 6", 9", 12" and 15" every piece of this block lands on a ruler line. At other sizes the app still works out the cutting for you.
- **Want a different size or a whole quilt?** Blocks in a Box is in QuiltPlan's block library. Place it on a quilt and the app gives you the cut list, the yardage and the shopping list for every block at once.

Sewing it



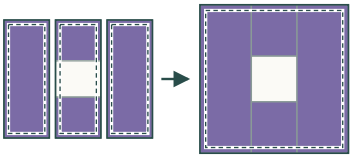
1 · Sew the center column

Sew a 3 square above and below the 1 square. Press toward the Main squares, so no seam allowance shadows through the Center.



2 · Check its length

Lay the column on a 2 rectangle. They should be the same length, 6½" for a 6" block, 9½" for 9", 12½" for 12" and 15½" for 15"; if the column is short, the seams are a little wide.



3 · Add the sides

Sew a 2 rectangle to each long side of the column, pinning the ends and the middle. Press toward the rectangles. The block measures half an inch more than it will finish.

Main Center