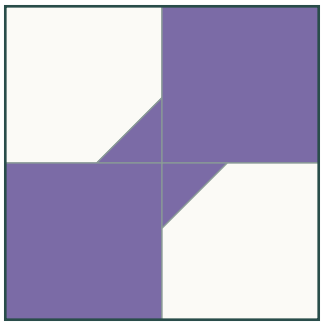
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

NECKTIE

Two squares, two corners, one knot.



6 pieces, 2 fabrics

Two plain squares and two Background squares with a small corner sewn on make this little tie, the corners meeting in the middle as its knot. It is one of the quickest blocks there is, and a quilt of them in many different fabrics is a good home for scraps.

SKILL Beginner

SEAMS ¼" throughout

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



Cutting

Cut, for one block	6"	9"	12"	15"
1 Tie: cut 2 squares The two plain squares of the tie.	3½" sq	5" sq	6½" sq	8" sq
2 Tie: cut 2 squares For the knot. Each is sewn across a corner of a Background square and flipped.	1¾" sq	2 3/8" sq	3" sq	3 5/8" sq
3 Background: cut 2 squares Each gets a small Tie corner.	3½" sq	5" sq	6½" sq	8" sq

Fabric, for one block

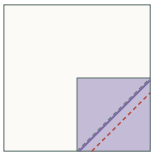
Buy at least	6"	9"	12"	15"
■ Tie	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
☐ Background	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

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

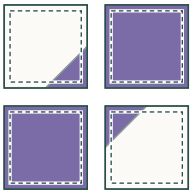
- Press each row toward its plain Tie square and the center nests by itself.
- Use one fabric for both the plain squares and the knot corners of a tie, and change fabric from tie to tie: a quilt of neckties in many prints is a classic way to use up scraps.
- **Why these sizes?** At 6", 9", 12" and 15" 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?** Necktie 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



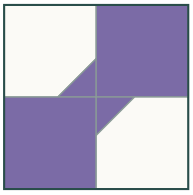
1 · Make 2 knot units

Draw a line corner to corner on the back of each 2 square. Lay one on a corner of a 3 square, right sides together, and sew a thread's width on the corner side of the line. Fold it back: it should cover the corner, flush with both edges, before you cut anything. Follow the Snowball Corners guide.



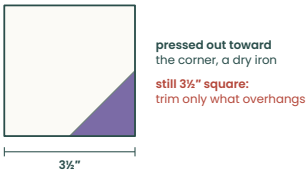
3 · Lay it out

Knot units at top left and bottom right, turned so their Tie corners meet at the center. A plain 1 square at top right and at bottom left.



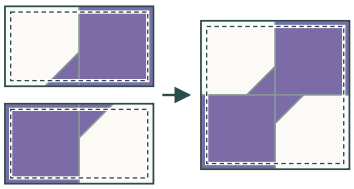
5 · Join the rows

Nest the center seams, pin where the knot corners meet and sew. Press the long seam open, or spin the center. The block measures half an inch more than it will finish.



2 · Trim and press

Trim both layers a quarter inch past the stitching and press toward the corner with a dry iron. Each knot unit still measures 3½" for a 6" block, 5" for 9", 6½" for 12" and 8" for 15", the size the 3 square was cut.



4 · Sew the rows

Sew each row, pressing toward its plain Tie square. Because the plain squares sit on opposite sides, the two rows press opposite ways.

Tie Background

QuiltPlan
QUILTPLAN.COM