## Stacked Bricks

A Disappearing Nine Patch Design By Carole Carter at From My Carolina Home blog

Who says a quilt block has to be square? I was looking at the Disappearing Nine Patch block, when it occurred to me that there could be another possibility. What if another square was added? The result would be a brick shape, and would be interesting stacked in different ways.


For each brick, you will need nine 5 -inch squares, and two 7 -inch squares.
Sizing Chart (without borders)
Lullaby size approx. $25 \times 38$ - four bricks stacked vertically $2 \times 2$
Lap Size approx. 38x50 - eight bricks stacked horizontally $2 \times 4$
Bed Size approx. 58x63-15 bricks stacked horizontally $3 x 5$

Start in the usual manner, constructing a nine patch block using 5 inch squares. I usually make the corners the same and the middle patches different. You can do yours however you like!


Slash vertically and horizontally through the center of the block.


Rotate the upper left and bottom right 180 degrees.


Sew the top two pieces together, and the bottom two pieces together.


Offset the blocks, and add 7 -inch squares to each space created.


Stack four bricks two by two and create a perfect size quilt for lap use, wheelchairs, or a child. Add a border if you like, then quilt and bind as usual. Finished!


Make eight blocks stacked two by four for a larger quilt. The bricks are oriented horizontally in this quilt.


This is a terrific way to use larger, directional prints. By orienting the seven inch squares all the same way, you get a larger part of the fabric print to show at once, plus the directional print is maximized.

Enjoy your new quilt!

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