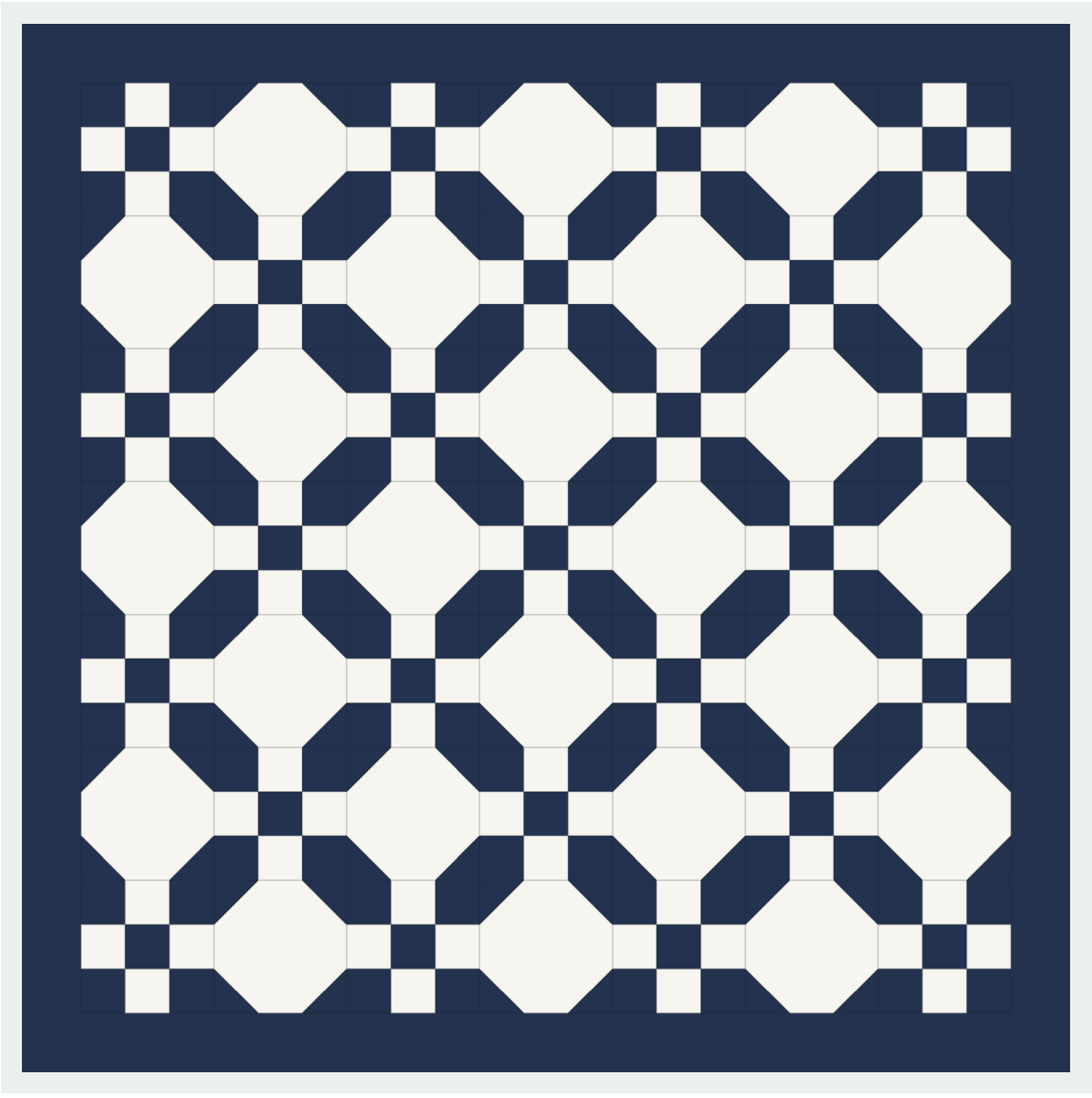
Snowball and nine-patch

Confident beginner · 71 × 71" finished · 49 blocks of 9" · 7 across × 7 down



Nine-patches alternate with snowballs, and the snowball corners join the nine-patch corners into a diagonal chain.

Fabric requirements

A · Navy **3½ yd**

19 strips across the fabric = 66½"; Border: 7 strips × 4½" = 31½"; Binding: 8 strips × 2½" = 20"

B · White **2½ yd**

14 strips across the fabric = 85"; Total 85", plus ⅛ yd extra, rounded up to 2½ yd

C · Backing **4⅝ yd**

Backing: 2 pieces × 79" = 158"; Total 158", plus ⅛ yd extra, rounded up to 4⅝ yd

Total to buy (⅛ yd extra per fabric) **10⅝ yd**

Quilting cotton 42" usable width. All cut sizes include ¼" seam allowances. Batting at least 79 × 79" (Full (81 × 96")). 94% of the fabric you cut ends up in the quilt.

Cutting plan

Cut strips across the width of the fabric, selvage to selvage, then cut each strip into pieces. Letters and numbers (A1, B2 …) match the pieces in the blocks.

A · Navy (3½ yd)

1. **Cut 7 strips 4½" × width of fabric for the border.**
   - Join end to end with straight seams, then cut 2 × 63½", 2 × 71½".
2. **Cut 8 strips 2½" × width of fabric for the binding.**
   - Join end to end with diagonal seams, press open, then fold in half lengthwise and press.
3. **Cut 10 strips 3½" × width of fabric.**
   - From each strip, cut 12 squares 3½ × 3½" (A1).
4. **Cut 1 strip 3½" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 5 squares 3½ × 3½" (A1).
   - From the rest of the strip, cut 7 squares 3½ × 3½" (A2).
5. **Cut 7 strips 3½" × width of fabric.**
   - From each strip, cut 12 squares 3½ × 3½" (A2).
6. **Cut 1 strip 3½" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 5 squares 3½ × 3½" (A2).

Piece	Cut	Size	Shape	Then
A1	125	3½ × 3½"	squares	
A2	96	3½ × 3½"	squares	Draw a diagonal, lay it on the corner of a White square, sew on the line, then trim ¼" past the seam and press (stitch and flip).

B · White (2½ yd)

1. **Cut 6 strips 9½" × width of fabric.**
   - From each strip, cut 4 squares 9½ × 9½" (B1).
   - From the rest of each strip, cut 2 squares 3½ × 3½" (B2), trimming the strip end to 7" first in 2 rows.
2. **Cut 7 strips 3½" × width of fabric.**
   - From each strip, cut 12 squares 3½ × 3½" (B2).
3. **Cut 1 strip 3½" × width of fabric.**
   - From the strip, cut 4 squares 3½ × 3½" (B2).

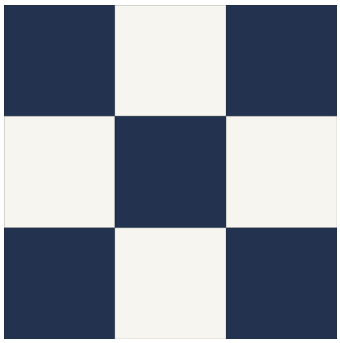
Piece	Cut	Size	Shape	Then
B1	24	9½ × 9½"	squares	
B2	100	3½ × 3½"	squares	

C · Backing (4⅝ yd)

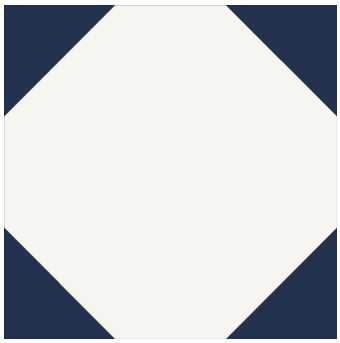
1. **For the backing, cut 2 pieces 79" long.**
   - Trim the selvages and join along the long edges with ½" seams.

The blocks

Each block finishes at 9" (9½" unfinished, with seam allowances).



Nine patch



Snowball

Putting it together

1. Sew 49 blocks. Lay them out 7 across × 7 down, and sew them into rows, then sew the rows together. The quilt top measures 63 × 63" (finished) before borders.
2. Border 1: 4" finished, in Navy. Sew the side borders first, then the top and bottom.
3. Backing: 79 × 79" in 2 pieces, joined with ½" seams.
4. Layer backing, batting (79 × 79" or bigger) and top, and quilt.
5. Binding: join 8 strips 2½" wide with diagonal seams (about 318½" long), fold in half lengthwise and sew around the edge.

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