



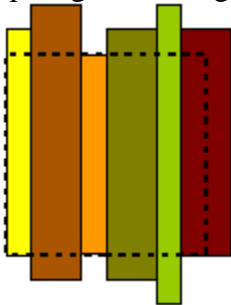
Crazy Nines

An easy block/quilt with few rules. Use all your leftover strips, of whatever widths.

1. Piece the base block:

(Make whatever size you want; I suggest something between 8” and 12” square.)

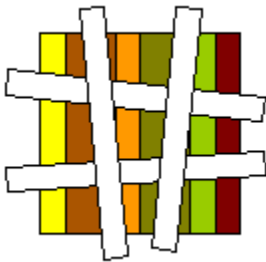
Sew strips together along long edges to make the block you size you want; square up to desired size.



2. Add the tic-tac-toe strips:

Using bias tape that complements the colors of your block, cut strips a little longer than the size of the block. Lay a strip across the block and stitch close to the edge along one side, then the other. Because you are using bias tape you can curve the strips, if you like.

Continue adding the other strips to form the tic-tac-toe pattern; trim flush to block edges.



Tips:

- Include light, medium, and dark strips in each block.
- When sewing on the bias strips, angle (and curve) them so they're “crazy”
- Sew a wider strip on at least one end. This is useful when you're squaring up a block. If you have narrow strips at both “ends” you may end up with a very narrow(or nearly non-existent) strip.
- You can use chenille tape instead of bias tape, stitching down the middle of the strips and fraying the tape. However, check with your quilter before you do this! These strips with loose edges will play havoc with the hopping foot of a longarm machine, particularly if they are doing a pantograph (edge to edge) pattern.