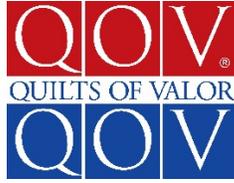


20,000 Blocks in 2020 - We Can Do It!



Quilts of Valor® 2020 Block Drive

The 2020 QOV® block drive features a basic Nine Patch. The purpose of the *National Block Drive* is to give individuals or groups a way to participate by making blocks, and have their blocks used in QOVs made and awarded to our service members and veterans across the nation.

The 9-patch block is versatile and can be assembled many ways into a QOV. They will be used by our State Coordinators to help fill outstanding requests not covered by local groups and will ease our waiting list of requests from 2017 (627 requests) & 2018 (3,712 requests).

How to participate: The deadline for this block drive is December 1, 2020

- Send your completed blocks to the Block Drive Coordinator for nationwide distribution. Mail block to: **Block Drive Coordinator, Suzanne DiCarlo, 111 Minwood St, Mineola, TX 75773-1122**
- Make and keep your blocks and assemble into a QOV. If you make QOV with 9-patch blocks, please post a picture on our public Facebook page for others to see.
- Mail blocks directly to your State Coordinator. Contact information for your Coordinator is found on www.qovf.org/meet-us/
- If you keep and use your blocks, or mail directly to your State Coordinator, we ask that you please report the number you make to blockdrive@QOVF.org. We'll add them to the total number published on our website at www.qovf.org.

Block Guidelines:

1. There are two colors needed: 1) red or blue solid or patriotic print; and 2) white or white on white (see photos).
2. Use a scant ¼" seam allowance and press carefully (see directions).
3. Block should measure 12 ½" as sewn and will finish at 12" in a quilt.

Mailing instructions:

1. If mailing ONE block, fold it carefully and mail in a standard business size envelope with a "forever" stamp. It cannot be more than ¼" thick.
2. If mailing more than ONE block, use a manila envelope (remove the metal clasp as that make it non-machine able and costs more) and take it to the post office to have postage attached.
3. If sending a lot of blocks, place them in a Ziploc bag and put a label with your name and address IN THE BAG.
4. Please be sure to attach the correct postage so your blocks don't arrive "postage due."

Questions? Email BlockDrive@QOVF.org

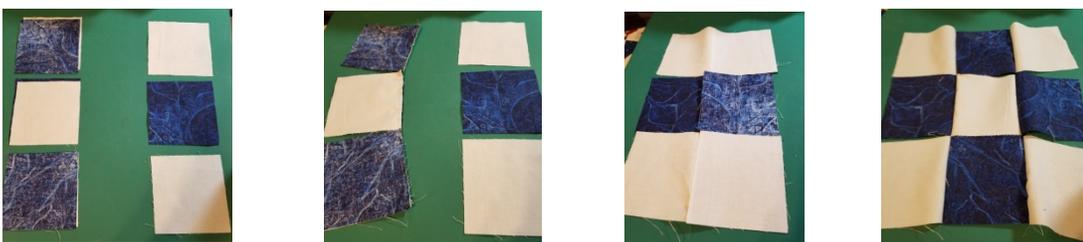
CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Colors	#	Size of blocks	AccuQuilt Dies Used
#1 – Red, Blue or Patriotic Print	5	4 ½" squares	55060 or 55018 (Go Die)
#2 – White or White on White	4	4 ½" squares	55060 or 55018 (Go Die)

Step 1: Picture 1 below shows your cut pieces. Take your nine 4 ½” squares and lay them out as in Picture 2. You may use your colors or prints on the outside or inside (Picture 3,4 & 5). If you cut 9 squares of each color, you can make both blocks. We will accept either or all.



Step 2: Take your squares and sew them together your favorite way. The pictures show how I like to do it. Take your center row and lay it right sides together with the left row (Picture 6). Chain piece these 3 together. Do NOT cut apart (Picture 7). Lay open your two columns. Lay the right row on top of the center row and chain piece them together (Picture 8). When you finish, it will look like Picture 9.



Step 3: Final step is to turn top row down and sew row horizontally. As you do, pin the seam to the dark material (Picture 10). Turn bottom row up second and sew it horizontally. Press it open (Picture 11 & 12). Your finished block should measure 12 ½” (picture 13).



We chose the Nine Patch to help us get more blocks. If you want a challenge, Google, Disappearing Nine Patch (Pictures 14 & 15). You can turn these in too or use them in your QOVs for a different overall design.



NOTE: For additional instructions & ideas, check out <http://maryquilts.com/9-patch/>. She has great instructions to make these blocks quickly with strips, if you're interested. She also has layout samples including a red/white/blue one. Mary has great patterns which can be used for donation quilts like Quilts of Valor®.