Prairie Queen

We're going to start slowly this year.

This is a nice simple nine-patch block – quick and easy!

We are going to use some beautiful Laurel Burch butterflies as the feature fabric this month. Choose two colours from the focus piece to finish the block.
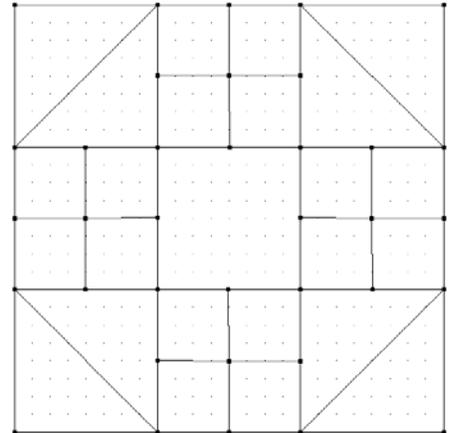
Background:

2 ½ by 22 inch strip for four patches (or 2 strips 11 inches long)
2 – 4 7/8 inch squares for corners
(or 4 triangles cut from 4 ½ inch strip with half square
or Easy Angle Triangle Ruler)
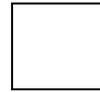
Centre:

1 – 4 ½ inch square

Four Patches

2 ½ by 22 inch strip of light (or 2 strips 11 inches long)

Corners

2 – 4 7/8 inch squares for corners
(or 4 triangles cut from 4 ½ inch strip with half square
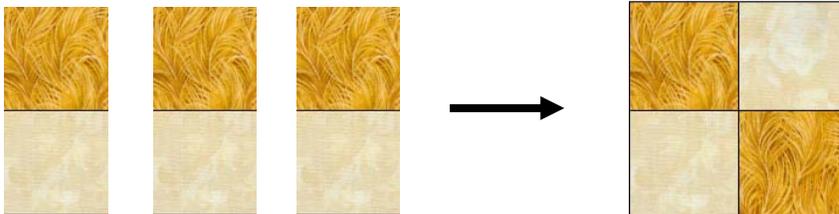or Easy Angle Triangle Ruler)

Start with sewing some strata for the four patches:

Sew the 11 together lengthwise as shown. Press the seam to the dark side. Place them right sides together with the seams nestled and press again. Make sure when you do this that the background is facing the other colour and vice versa.
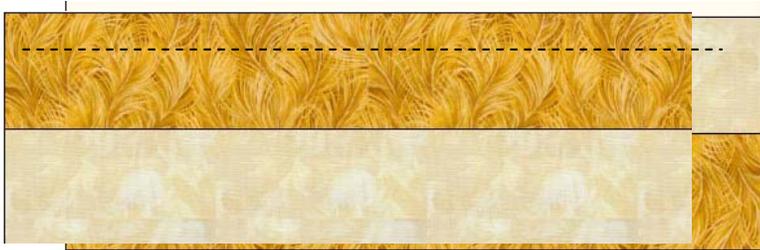
Now when you cut the strips into 2 ½ inch sections, they are ready to sew!

All you have to do is make the half square triangles for the corners (see below if not using the triangle rulers), and you have everything you need to complete the nine-patch. The completed half squares should measure 4 ½ inches.
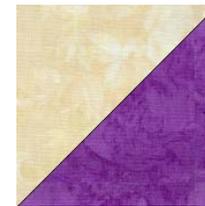
Lay the units out to match the diagram on the top of the first page, and sew them all together.

Half Square Triangles:
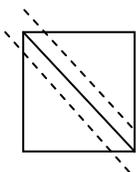
Use two different fabrics to make two ½ square triangles.

On the back of the lighter of your two fabrics, draw a line kitty corner. Layer your two squares right sides together and sew ¼ inch on either side of the line. Cut along the line, press the seam towards the dark side. If you aren't using the half squares to make quarter square blocks, square to the correct size