

North and South Dakota (Dakota Gold)

The Dakotas were known for gold strikes so how about some Dakota Gold for these states? We are using the same block but with reversed colors. The original block was done in 2 shades of golds (where we have the red and blue) and whites but we are sticking to our red, white and blue colors. Of course if you are using different colors, feel free to play!

Cutting Instructions -

Corners -

4 red and 4 white 2 1/2 inch squares for one Dakota - 4 blue and 4 white for the other
4 red and 4 white 2 7/8 inch squares for one Dakota - 4 blue and 4 white for the other

Center Strips for both blocks -

4 red and 4 blue strips 1 1/2 inch x 4 1/2 inch
2 white 1 1/2 inch squares

First, using the red and white and the blue and white 2 7/8 inch squares, make 8 half square triangles for each block - red/white for one and blue/white for the other.

Now set up your four corners. Each one is a 4-patch using one colored square, one white square and 2 HST's as shown in the first picture. Sew 2 pairs of pieces together as shown in the second picture. Then sew the pairs to each other like the third picture. Be careful doing this - it's very easy to mix them up so the HSTs don't point to each other. Do not ask me how I know this.



For the center cross, sew one blue or red to one white square, then sew the other one to the other side making a 1 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches strip.



Sew the last 2 red or blue strips to the corner 4 patches, then sew the whole thing together like a 9 patch.

