Example of cabling storage array ports to FC switches in a two-node MetroCluster configuration

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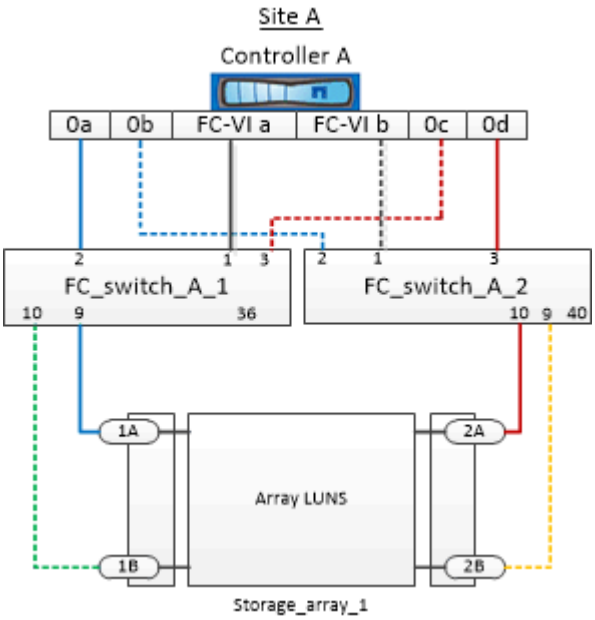
In a MetroCluster configuration with array LUNs, you must connect the storage array ports that form a redundant port pair to alternate FC switches.

The following illustration shows the connections between storage arrays and FC switches in a two-node fabric-attached MetroCluster configuration with array LUNs:



The connections between storage array ports and FC switch ports are similar for both stretch and fabric-attached variants of two-node MetroCluster configurations with array LUNs.

> If you plan to use disks in addition to array LUNs in your MetroCluster configuration, you must use the switch ports specified for the configuration with disks.
>
> Port assignments for FC switches when using ONTAP 9.1 and later

In the illustration, the redundant array port pairs for both the sites are as follows:

- Storage array at Site A:
  - Ports 1A and 2A
  - Ports 1B and 2B
- Storage array at Site B:
  - Ports 1A' and 2A'
  - Ports 1B' and 2B'

FC_switch_A_1 at Site A and FC_switch_B_1 at Site B are connected to form fabric_1. Similarly, FC_switch_A_2 at Site A and FC_switch_B_2 are connected to form fabric_2.

The following table lists the connections between the storage array ports and the FC switches for the example MetroCluster illustration:

Array LUN ports	FC switch ports	Switch fabrics
Site A		
1A	FC_switch_A_1, Port 9	fabric_1
2A	FC_switch_A_2, Port 10	fabric_2
1B	FC_switch_A_1, Port 10	fabric_1
2B	FC_switch_A_2, Port 9	fabric_2
Site B		
1A'	FC_switch_B_1, Port 9	fabric_1
2A'	FC_switch_B_2, Port 10	fabric_2
1B'	FC_switch_B_1, Port 10	fabric_1
2B'	FC_switch_B_2, Port 9	fabric_2

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