

Simply Quilts Episode #542 – Two Fabric Snail’s Trail Quilt

Many of you may have missed part of the cutting information while trying to write the numbers down and watch the demonstration at the same time. Here are the yardages, cutting information, and an outline of the piecing instructions for the 42” x 54” project. The book, *Blocks and Quilts Everywhere!*, which was promoted in this episode is out of print and no longer available for purchase.

Fabric Requirements for the “Two Fabric Snail’s Trail”

Fabric #1 Light	1 1/2 yards
Fabric #2 Dark (includes binding)	2 3/8 yards
Backing	2 3/4 yards

Cutting Information for the “Two Fabric Snail’s Trail”

Strips are cut across the fabric, making them approximately 42” long with selvages on both of the short ends.

Fabric #1 Light

Cut two strips 6 1/2” wide.

Cut these strips into twelve 6 1/2” squares.

Cut two strips 4 1/4” wide.

Cut these strips into twelve 4 1/4” squares.

Cut these squares twice, diagonally, to make four quarter-square triangles from each square.

Yield: 48 triangles

Cut three strips 3 7/8” wide.

Cut these strips into twenty-four 3 7/8” squares.

Cut these squares once, diagonally, to make two half-square triangles from each square.

Yield: 48 triangles

Cut three strips 2” wide.

Fabric #2 Dark

Cut five strips 6 1/2” wide.

Cut these strips into twenty 6 1/2” squares and fourteen 3 1/2” x 6 1/2” rectangles.

Cut one strip 4 1/4” wide.

Cut this strip into nine 4 1/4” squares.

Cut these squares twice, diagonally, to make four quarter-square triangles from each square.

Yield: 36 triangles

Cut three strips 3 7/8” wide.

Cut these strips into twenty-four 3 7/8” squares.

Cut these squares once, diagonally, to make two half-square triangles from each square.

Yield: 48 triangles

Cut one strip 2 3/8” wide.

Cut these strips into fourteen 2 3/8” squares.

Cut these squares once, diagonally, to make two half-square triangles from each square.

Yield: 28 triangles

Cut three strips 2” wide.

Piecing Information for the “Two Fabric Snail’s Trail”

Sew each of the 2” strips of light, fabric #1 to a 2” strip of dark, fabric #2 along the long edge. Press the seam allowances toward fabric #2. Cut these panels into forty-eight sections that are 2” wide. Sew thirty-four of the crosscut sections into pairs to complete seventeen four patch units. Press the seams to one side. Reserve the remaining fourteen crosscut sections to complete the border blocks.



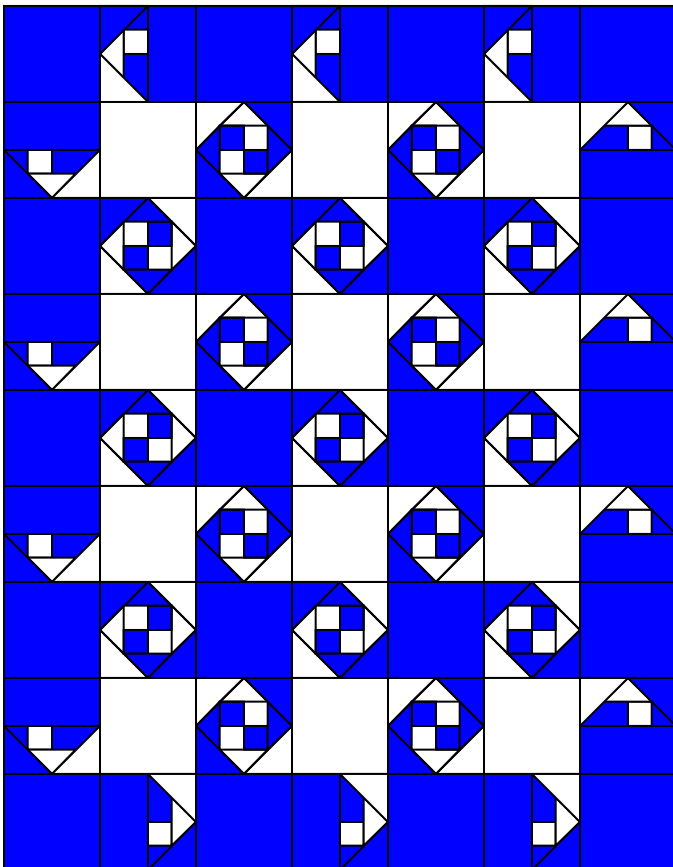
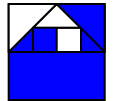
Sew a light, fabric #1 quarter-square triangle to two opposite sides of the four patches. **Remember, it is important that the four patches and triangles are positioned as demonstrated.** The triangle should be on the bottom, the four patch on top RST, and the four patch rotated so that the light, fabric #1 square is in the upper right corner. Press the seam allowances toward the triangles.

Sew a dark, fabric #2 quarter-square triangle to the remaining two sides of the four patches. Press the seam allowances toward the triangles. Trim the dog ears.

Add half-square triangles of both fabrics in the same way that you added the quarter-square triangles to the units from above to complete seventeen snail’s trail blocks. **Again, remember, it is important that the four patches and triangles are positioned as demonstrated.** Press the seam allowances toward the triangles. Trim the dog ears.

Border Blocks

Use the remaining crosscut sections from the strip piecing, the remaining triangles, and the 3 1/2” x 6 1/2” rectangles to piece fourteen border blocks.



Completing the Quilt

Arrange the piece blocks alternately with the 6 1/2” squares of fabrics #1 and #2 to complete the pattern.

Sew the blocks into horizontal rows. Press the seam allowances away from the piece blocks in each row. Sew the rows together. Press the seam allowances to one side.

Quilt, bind, & enjoy!

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