

Sunset Country Quilters Guild
Block of the Month
2009-2010

Row 4—Snail's Trail (8")

Refer to the chart on introduction page to determine the number of 8" blocks you need for the size you have chosen to make.

NOTE: The foundation pattern is the mirror image of the block since it is worked on the 'wrong' side of the paper. The block in the quilt will appear to 'spin' out from the center in a clockwise direction but the foundation pattern will appear to 'spin' counter-clockwise.

Cutting directions (below) give you pieces just a little larger than needed and straight of grain edges on your block.

For each block cut:

Light

2 – 2" squares for four-patch (A1)

1 – 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " square cut diagonally once to give you 2 triangles (A4 & A5)

1 – 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square cut diagonally once (A6 & A7)

1 – 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " square cut diagonally once (A12 & A13)

Dark

2 – 2" squares for four-patch (A1)

1 – 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " square cut diagonally once to give you 2 triangles (A2 & A3)

1 – 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square cut diagonally once (A8 & A9)

1 – 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " square cut diagonally once (A11 & A12)

Make a four-patch of Light and Dark 2" squares for the center of each block (A1). Position this in the exact center of the unprinted side of the foundation pattern making sure the darks are in a north-south orientation; the lights lie east-west. Pin in place. Add the triangle pieces to the wrong side of the foundation in the order given. Press well. Trim the block to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " adding $\frac{1}{4}$ inch for seam allowance. Remove the paper.