

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild

March Block of the Month

Due May 2, 2013

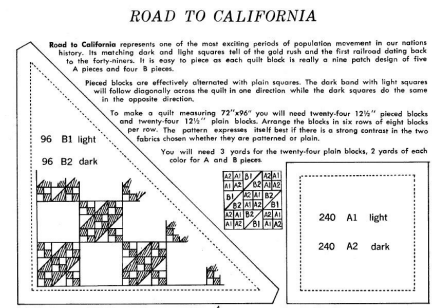
"Road to California"



Our April journey in "Never Enough Nine Patch" conjures up images of driving chrome behemoths across country on Rt. 66 back in the 50's.

This one is a "guy's" quilt ... no frilly hearts and flowers here. Colors are black, tan and white-on-white. No nonsense! This is for the man in your life who just can't understand why you insist on cutting up a perfectly good piece of fabric, only to sew it back together again.

Road to California is simply constructed with five 4-patch blocks (black and white) and 4 half square triangles (tan and white). Sew scant 1/4" seams. Unfinished size is 12-1/2".



A bit of romantic imagination from Aunt Martha's #3780, "Quilts: Heirlooms of Tomorrow." (1950's) ↑

"*Road to California* represents one of the most exciting periods of population movement in our nation's history. Its matching dark and light squares tell of the gold rush and the first railroad dating back to the forty-niners."

See ya' on the road! Who wants to ride shotgun?

Fabric:

Fabric #1: white tone-on-tone - (1) 11" x 5-1/2" rectangle, (1) 2-1/2" x 30" strip

Fabric #2: black (colored print on black is fine) - (1) 2-1/2" x 30" strip

Fabric #3: tan (colored print on tan is fine) - (1) 11" x 5-1/2" rectangle

Assembly:

For Half Square Triangles **MAKE 4** :

- Using a #2 pencil, draw lines on the back of the 11" x 5-1/2" piece of white fabric as shown on the right, solid lines are cut lines, dashed lines are sew lines.
- Lay white and tan fabrics face to face, pin, sew on the dotted line (scant 1/4" from solid line).
- Cut on the solid lines (one vertical, two diagonal).
- Press to darker fabric.
- Trim blocks to 4-1/2" square.



Assembly (contd.):

For Four Patch **MAKE 5** :

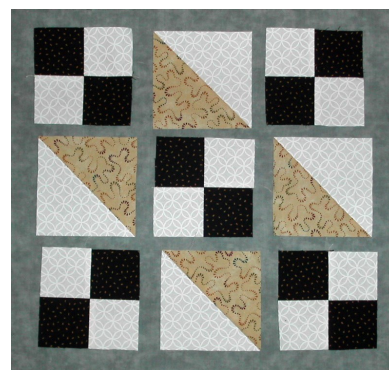
1. Sew 2-1/2" strips together, press to dark.
2. Cut strips into 2-1/2" pieces.
3. Face two 2-1/2" pieces together, oppose colors and set seams together.
Sew as shown at right. The finished 4-patch should measure 4-1/2" square.



Completing the Block:

Follow the layout shown here 

Be sure that each corner of the block is black.



The block will look like 

Block is 12-1/2" square unfinished, 12" square finished. Sew scant 1/4" seams.



And if you win the blocks for *Road to California*, that special man in your life might be blessed to find something like this to make him know how much you love him.

RIDE ON!

Have fun with the *Road to California!*

