

Snail Trail



This pattern is for a foundation-pieced version of the classic Snails Trail Block. Foundation (paper) piecing ensures accurate results every time you make this impressive design. This particular block begins with a traditionally-pieced four-patch. [Click here for our FREE Foundation Piecing Primer.](#)

Cutting Instructions

(Cut in order listed)

◻ = cut in half diagonally

Dark fabric

1 square 6½" x 6½" ◻ (Foundation Master areas 10 and 11)

1 square 5" x 5" ◻ (areas 6 and 7)

1 square 4" x 4" ◻ (areas 2 and 3)

2 squares 2¼" x 2¼" (area 1)

Light fabric

1 square 6½" x 6½" ◻ (areas 12 and 13)

1 square 5" x 5" ◻ (areas 8 and 9)

1 square 4" x 4" ◻ (areas 4 and 5)

2 squares 2¼" x 2¼" (area 1)

Foundation Piecing the Block

1. Make an accurate copy of the enlarged Foundation Master. Sew together 2 dark and 2 light $2\frac{1}{4}$ " squares to make four-patch for block center.



2. Center four-patch on wrong side of foundation master, right side up and aligning seams with center dashed lines. Pin if desired.



3. Place matching dark 4" half-square triangle on four-patch, right sides together, to cover area 2 when sewn.



4. Turn foundation over and sew on line between areas 1 and 2, stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond intersection at beginning and end of line.



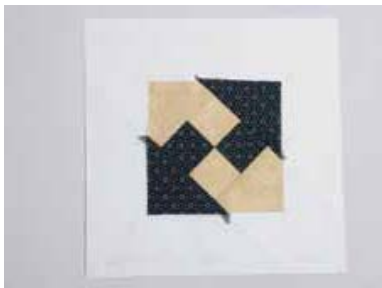
5. Open and press.



6. Fold foundation paper back and trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



7. In same manner, add remaining 4" half-square triangles in fabrics shown on foundation.



8. Add 5" and 6½" half-square triangles in similar manner to make Snail's Trail Block. Trim excess fabric and paper along outer dashed lines on all sides.



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