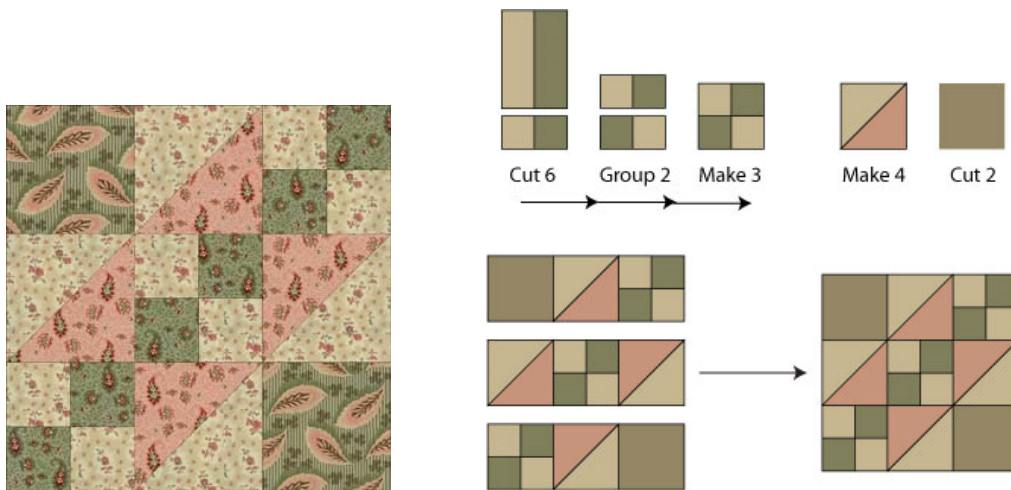


## QCNNY Block of the Month. April, 2010

### Road to California, a 12" Block

(Source: About.com Quilting)



The fabrics used blend into each other just a bit -- you can see the differences in patches, but overall the look is subdued. Switch to warm-vibrant darks and place them next to cool-lights to produce a quilt block with lots of contrast between patches. Road to California makes a wonderful scrap quilt, so dig through your stash for fabric.

#### Fabric and Cutting for the Road to California Quilt Block

Large-ish scale green with pink for block corners: (2) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" squares

Small scale green with pink for four patch units on the diagonal: (1) 2-1/2" x 15-1/2" strip

Small scale cream with pink for background: (1) 2-1/2" x 15-1/2" strip; (2) 4-7/8" x 4-7/8" squares

Pink print for large triangles on the diagonal: (2) 4-7/8" x 4-7/8" squares

#### Sew the Road to California Quilt Block

1. Sew a 2-1/2" wide green print strip lengthwise to a 2-1/2" wide background strip. Press seam allowance towards the darker strip.
2. Square up one end of the Step 1 strip set and then cut (6) 2-1/2" segments from it.
3. Sew two segments together, flipping one of them around so that like-colors are on the diagonal. Sew together to create a four-patch unit and press.
4. Create two more four-patch units.
5. Pair a 4-7/8" pink square with a background square of the same size. Instructions assume you will use the sandwich method, where two squares of fabric are sewn together along the diagonal and then cut apart to create two identical HSTs. If you choose another method, cutting will differ. When complete, each of the units should measure 4-1/2" x 4-1/2".
6. Repeat to make two more half-square triangle units from the remaining 4-7/8" squares.
7. Arrange your plain squares and patchwork units into three rows as shown in the illustration, bottom left. Squares are in opposite corners and green squares in the four patch units form a diagonal in the quilt, as do pink triangles.
8. Sew the components of each row together. Press seam allowances in adjoining rows in opposite directions and then sew the rows together. Press the quilt block.
9. The Road to California quilt block should measure 12-1/2" x 12-1/2".