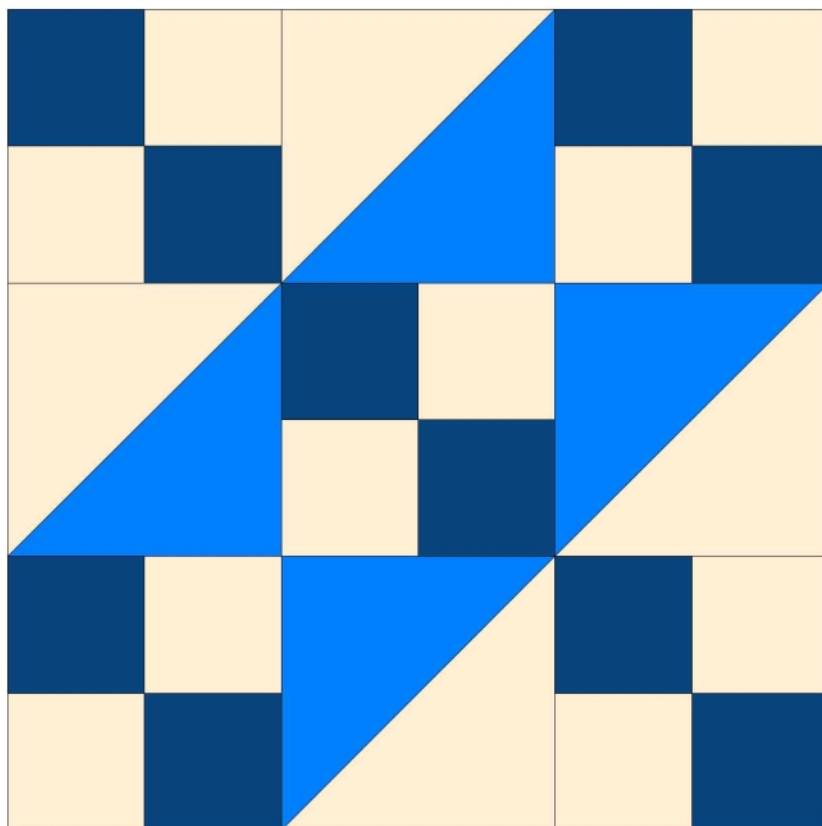


Block of the Week: Road to California

12"x12" finished



Pick a focal (2-3 yards) and several coordinates - these can be FQ or yardage. As you go you may add coordinates to make more blocks. It can also be scrappy if you prefer. I'll offer setting options as we get to 12 blocks or so, so you can stop and finish or keep adding blocks. Another option is to plan to set them all together in a dear Jane type setting, in which case you want to use very similar backgrounds so they go together well. It will take about 49 blocks to make an 84x84 top with no sashing or borders.

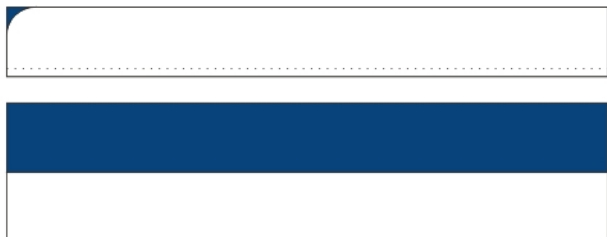
For this block you will need:

27" x 2 1/2" of a light fabric for 4 patches
2 sqs 5" x 5" of a light fabric for the HST

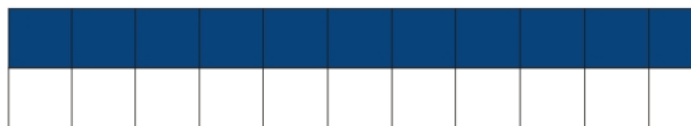
27" x 2 1/2" of a dark fabric for 4 patches
2 sqs 5" x 5" of a dark fabric for the HST

Make it:

Stack the light and dark 2 1/2" strips right sides together (RST). Sew a 1/4" seam down one side and press open, with the seam allowance toward the dark fabric.



Cut 10 2 1/2" pieces from the strip; assemble as shown.



Make 5 four patches

Layer the 5" light and dark squares, RST. Mark a line from corner to corner as shown, sew 1/4" on each side, and cut apart. Trim to 4 1/2" if needed.



Make 4, 4 1/2 inch HST units

Using the diagram above, assemble your block. Press and set aside.