

CVQG Block of the Month – April 2025

“Road to California” block

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Color Choices

The block is made of: white or tone-on-tone white plus both a light and a dark of the same color, i.e. a light blue and a dark blue, plus the white; or a light purple and a dark purple plus the white. The non-white fabrics can be solids, tone-on-tone or small prints, so long as there is a light and a dark of the same color family used in the block.

This will make a 9 1/2" unfinished block.



FIGURES A1 & A2



Fabric Requirements

- (3) 3 1/2" squares - white or tone-on-tone white
- (2) 4" squares - white or tone-on-tone white
- (2) 3 1/2" squares – light hue of the selected color in a solid, tone-on-tone solid, or small print of the color
- (1) 4" squares - light hue of the selected color in a solid, tone-on-tone solid, or small print of the color
- (1) 4" squares - dark hue of the selected color in a solid, tone-on-tone solid, or small print of the color

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Block Instructions

1. Create the Half Square Triangles (HSTs)

- Draw a diagonal line on the back side of the light hue non-white 4" square, from one corner to the opposite corner of the square. Place the square Right Sides Together with a 4" white square (or tone-on-tone white).
- Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the drawn line. See Figure B.

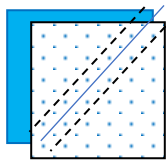


FIGURE B

- Cut the squares apart on the drawn line, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. This results in two HST units. See Figure C.

FIGURE C



- Open the HST units and press seam allowances toward the darker fabric, thus making two HST units. See Figure D.



FIGURE D

- Repeat steps a through d for the dark hue non-white 4" square. See Figure E.



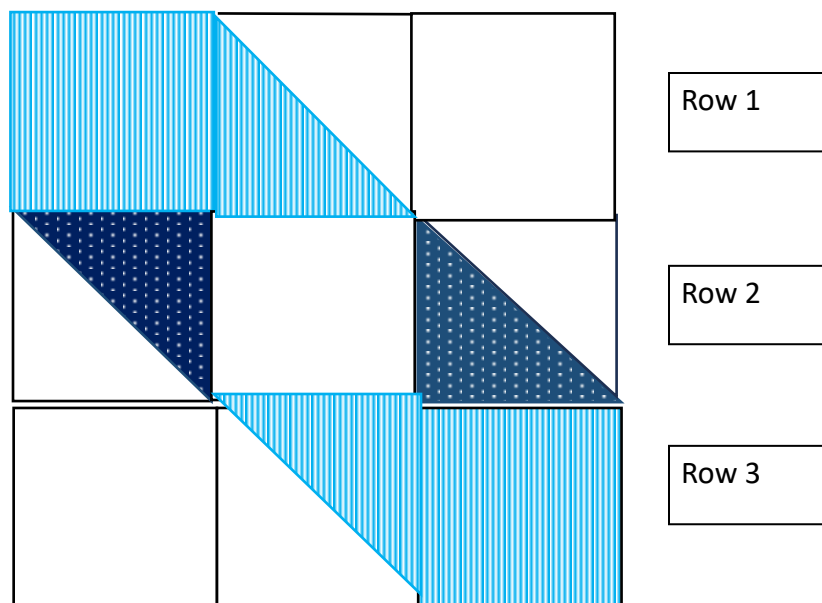
FIGURE E

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f. Trim the HST to 3 ½" square.

2. Create the Block

a. Arrange three rows using two light non-white 3 ½" squares, three 3 ½" 'white' squares, two HSTs with the light hue non-white and 'white' fabrics, and two HSTs with the dark hue non-white and 'white' fabrics. Follow the placement of the squares as shown in Figure F.



b. Sew the top row together, then the second row, then the third row. Sew the three rows together to complete the block. The sewn Road to California block will be 9 ½" unfinished.