

## LLQG September 2022 BOM

### Snails Trail

12 ½ inches unfinished

12 inches finished



**Not as hard as it looks;** This is basically a four patch which is then finished with increasingly large triangles as a square in a square 4 times!

- 1) Cut 2 – 2 inch squares of each color.
- 2) Cut 1 – 4 ¼ inch square of each color, and subcut diagonally in both directions.
- 3) Cut 1 – 3 7/8 inch square of each color, and subcut diagonally once.
- 4) Cut 1 – 7 ¼ inch square of each color, and subcut diagonally in both directions.
- 5) Cut 1 – 6 7/8 inch square of each color, and but diagonally Once.

We start this block in the center; Sew your four patch making sure that the same colors are not touching each other. Trim to 3 ½ inches.

Next we sew the triangles on in the order we cut them. Those subcut twice will be smaller than the succeeding block even though that block was a smaller square than the preceding square! Any block subcut twice will give you 2 extra triangles.

You will sew 2 of the same color triangles on first each time and then do the other two. It doesn't matter which color you choose to do first, just do all 4 squares in a square starting the same way. Fold the triangle's large edge wrong sides together and carefully crease it from the center to the point, then unfold and line up on the edge of the four patch, right sides together, with the crease directly on the seam between the two colors of the four patch. The color should start on its matching square from the four patch and extend over the opposite color. Pin in the center and close to the edges. Sew your scant ¼ inch seam. Now turn the block around to the opposite side and do it again with the same color, note that the crease of the second triangle should sit on the crease of the first triangle sewn on at the point. After the two triangles of the same color are on, press the triangles up on both sides and trim the corners off. Next do the same with the second color triangles, but don't bother trim off the second colors points, you will do that when trimming the resulting square in a square.

To trim your square in a square block line your square ruler up on one edge so that the diagonal line on the ruler is going through both of **one** of the colors from corner to corner in the four patch, that all of the block is within the ruler, and that you have just a ¼ inch seam allowance above that center seam where your two triangles of both colors just added crossed in the center of the side you are trimming, do double check that your square is not cockeyed by glancing at the four patch again, then trim off the excess on that side. Do the same on the other three sides. You have finished the first square in a square, now on to the next one. With each round you will do the same thing. Check the picture to make sure your layout is correct for color placement. I will bring my ruler to the September meeting and show you what I mean, if you are confused just ask.