

Block of the Month for April 2010



Road to Oklahoma



The road to Oklahoma quilt block uses squares and half square triangles and is done with a 16 block grid pattern.

Road to Oklahoma is an old block and is included in "Carrie Hall Blocks" by Bettina Havig. It is also in the "Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns" compiled by Barbara Brackman. In "Carrie Hall Blocks" the block is shown in blue and white solid fabrics. To make the points stand out and stars appear in certain settings, this block uses a dark fabric for the medium value in the half square triangles.

Step 1 - Use the rotary cutting techniques.

From the Light cut (**B**) two 3 7/8 inch squares * and **Block A** six 3 1/2 inch squares.

From the Dark Purple (**D**) cut two 3 7/8 inch squares *.

From the Medium print **Block C** cut Six 3 1/2 inch squares

*TIP: I find it easier to cut 4 inch squares rather than 3 7/8 inches. After the pieces are sewn together, use a square quilting ruler (putting the 45 degree mark on the seam) and trim the square to exactly 3 1/2 inches.

Step 2 - Use the half square triangle method.

Place one 3 7/8" square of Dark Purple fabric **D** and one 3 7/8" square of Light fabric **B**, right sides together. Draw a line on the diagonal on the lighter fabric from one corner to the opposite corner. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the marked line.

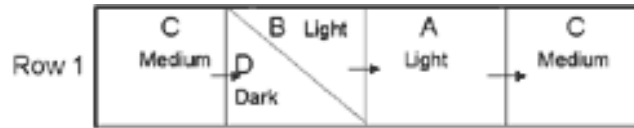
Cut on the drawn line with your rotary cutter or scissors to separate the square into triangles.

Folds open the square and press the seam allowances toward the Dark Purple fabric. Using your plastic ruler, trim the square to be 3 1/2" Be sure to use the 45 degree angle on your ruler. You will need a total of 4 half square triangles measuring 3 1/2". **Block B/D**

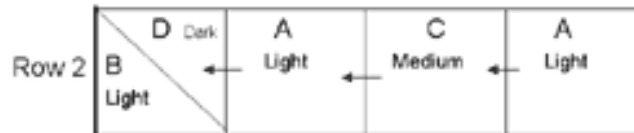
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Step 3 - Sew the 3 ½ inch squares and block B/D's together:

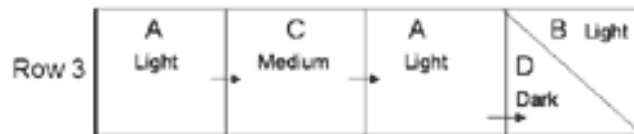
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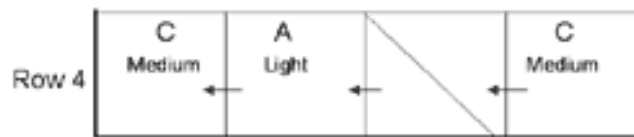
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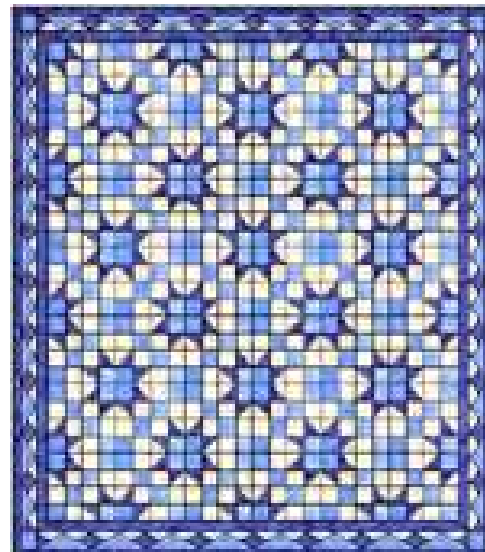
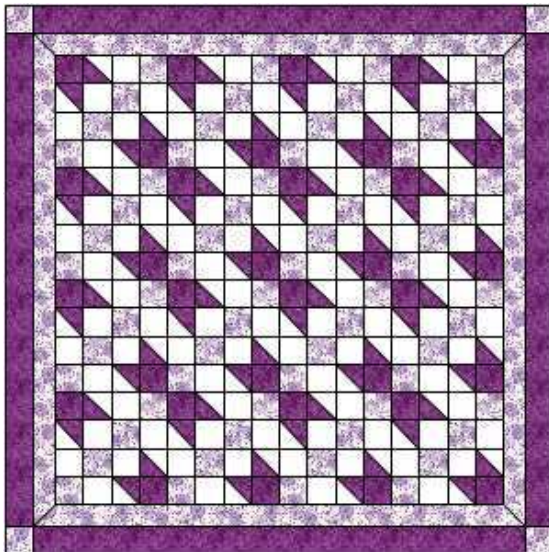
Row 3: A, C, A, B/D



Row 4: C, A, B/D, C.



Sew the rows together, press (arrows indicate direction to press seams) and square to 12 ½ inches to complete the road to Oklahoma quilt block.



Please bring your completed Block to the May 5, 2010 PVQ meeting.