

River Heritage

Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt

Month 5 – Trail of Tears

Welcome to the fifth month in the **River Heritage *Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt! Trail of Tears*** is made from sixteen half-square triangle squares (eight made from a dark/light combination and eight made from a medium/light combination).

Follow the instructions for value (light, medium, and dark) and use your own color scheme to make your block. Remember to check your values by taking a black and white picture of your fabric choices. I look forward to seeing the variety of blocks you make!

Cutting Instructions:

From two light fabrics:

Four – 4-inch squares, totaling 8

From dark fabric:

Four – 4-inch squares

From medium fabric:

Four – 4-inch squares

RST = right sides together

Half-square triangles: Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the reverse side of each of the eight light squares. Layer one dark square and one light square, RST. Likewise, layer the other three dark/light pairs, RST. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the diagonal line for each set (chain-piecing method). Remove and clip the threads connecting the sets. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on the other side of the drawn line. Clip apart. Cut on the drawn line. Press. **Trim/square each set to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.** Makes eight sets.

Repeat the above method using medium/light combination to make eight sets. **Trim/square each set to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.**

Assemble block: Position the sixteen half-square triangles according to the picture. Take a black/white photo to double-check your layout using value.

Turn each piece from Column 2 onto Column 1, RST. Chain-piece a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on the right edge. Clip apart and press odd rows (1 & 3) to the right, even rows (2 & 4) to the left.

Repeat with the next section by turning Column 4 onto Column 3, RST, stitch and press. Now you have two columns.

Repeat the above assembly with the final two columns, stitch and press.

Nestle seams and pin Rows 1 and 2, RST, and stitch. Press open.

Nestle seams and pin Rows 3 and 4, RST, and stitch. Press open.

Repeat with final two sections, stitch and press open.

Trim and square your block to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

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