

River Heritage

Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt

Month 7 Eagle's Nest

Welcome to the seventh month in the **River Heritage Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt! Eagle's Nest** has lots of pieces, but they are not difficult to make. If you go one section at a time, you'll master what might be the most difficult block in the quilt, first time around! 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.

Cutting Instructions:

For center nine-patch:

Five dark 2 5/8" squares

Four light 2 5/8" squares

For cornerstones:

Four light 2" squares

For triangle points:

Two medium 5 3/8" squares, cut diagonally

For flying geese border:

Twelve light 2 x 3 1/2" bars

Sixteen dark 2" squares

RST = right sides together

Nine-patch: Lay out squares according to picture. Chain-piece column 2 on column 1, RST, pressing the top row to the right, middle row to the left, bottom row to the right. Repeat by adding column 3 to column 2, RST. Turn top row down onto middle row, nestle seams, pin, and stitch. Press open. Repeat by turning assembly onto bottom row, nestle seams, pin, and stitch. Press open.

Add points: Fold each triangle in half and press a center mark or use a pin to mark the center. Likewise, fold each side of the nine-patch and press a center mark or use a pin to mark the centers. Match a triangle center with a nine-patch center, RST, pin, and stitch. Press towards the triangle. Repeat for other three sides. Trim and square to 9 1/2 inches.

Outer Border: Draw a line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each 2-inch square. Make flying geese by laying the square on the right side of a 2 x 3 1/2 inch bar, with the drawn line starting in the center of the bar and going downward to the right. Stitch on the line. Press. Open the layers and trim the center layer using scissors, leaving about a 1/4-inch seam. (This leaves the original rectangle and the new triangle on top.) Repeat process for the left side of the bar. Trim/square if necessary to 2 x 3 1/2 inches (same as the original bar size). Make eight.

Assemble block: Lay out flying geese, bars, and corner squares around the center block according to the picture. Stitch one flying geese on each side of one bar. Press to the bar. Make four sets. Now add corner squares, one on each end of two sets. Press to the squares.

Pin sets without squares to left and right sides of center block, being careful to match seams. Stitch and press open. Pin sets with corner squares to the top and bottom of center block, being careful to match seams. Stitch and press open.

Trim and square your block to 12 1/2 inches.

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