

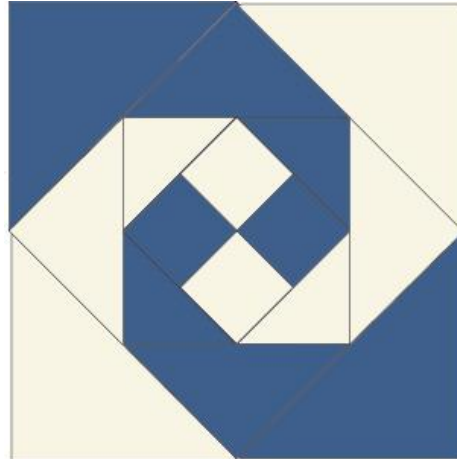
# THE GRAND QUILT GUILD

## ROW BY ROW PROJECT 2024 – 2025

BLOCK #2 OCTOBER 9, 2024

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### SNAIL TRAIL



Instructions are for 1 block

#### MATERIALS:

Two fabrics, 1 light and 1 dark (contrasting)

This is a 6 ½ inch unfinished block

#### CUT:

Light: 2 x 1 ¾ inch square

1 x 2 ½ inch square (cut diagonally in half)

1 x 3 ¼ inch square (cut diagonally in half)

1 x 4 inch square (cut diagonally in half)

Dark: 2 x 1 ¾ inch square

1 x 2 ½ inch square (cut diagonally in half)

1 x 3 ¼ inch square (cut diagonally in half)

1 x 4 inch square (cut diagonally in half)

## ASSEMBLE:

- 1 Make a four patch with the two dark and two light  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inch squares

Press the seams towards the dark

Trim the block to  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches

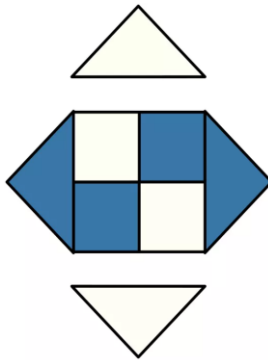
- it is critical that the block measure  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches (if not this will affect the finished size)

- 2 Now sew a dark  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch half square triangle to opposite sides of the four patch

- take care to center the triangle on the four patch

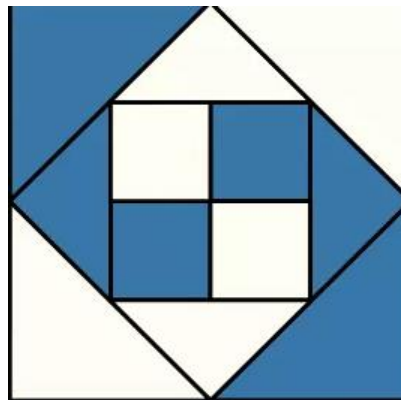
Then sew a light  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch half square triangle to the other sides of the four patch

It is critical to now trim this block to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches



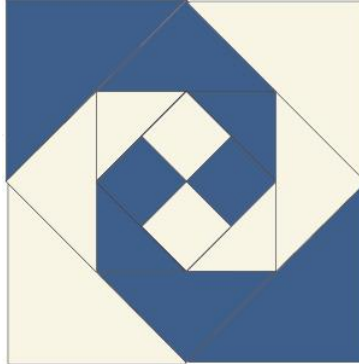
- 3 Now sew a dark  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inch dark half square triangle to opposing sides of this block taking care to center the triangle on the block.

Now follow this with the two  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inch light triangles to remaining opposing sides



- again it is critical that the block be trimmed to  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches

- 4 Now add the last set of 4 inch dark and light triangles to this block  
Taking care to center the triangles on the block  
Trim this block to 6 ½ inches



Now that you have mastered this one make 6 more.

This block can be made bigger by simply adding more half square triangle

This block has several names and variations.

In the 1920s it was called a Monkey Wrench.

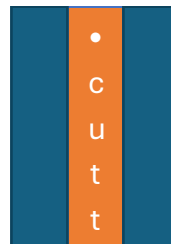
*Quilters Newsletter* called it Indiana Puzzle in 1976.

Other names have been Journey to California and Whirligig Quilt.

One of the hardest things in quilting is obtaining and maintaining a consistent ¼ inch seam.

You can easily check your accuracy by- the following:

- cut three strips 1 ½ inches by 3 inches
- stitch the three strips together (longwise) to make a 3 ½ inch square
- press the seams towards the outside
- measure the center strip – it should measure 1 inch
- if less than 1 inch your ¼ inch is too big
- if more than 1 inch your ¼ inch is too small



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