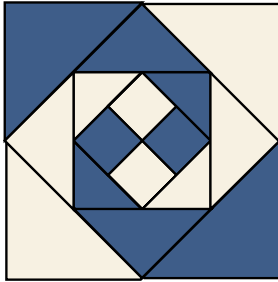


# Snail's Trail Block



**SKILL LEVEL**  
**INTERMEDIATE**

**Finished Block Size**  
9" x 9"

**Note:** Foundation Master is at end of pattern. Enlarge 150% before use.

**Planning**

This pattern is for a foundation-pieced version of the classic Snail's Trail Block. Foundation (paper) piecing ensures accurate results every time you make this impressive design. This particular block begins with a traditionally-pieced four-patch. For help with foundation piecing, visit [McCallsQuilting.com](http://McCallsQuilting.com) and click on Lessons and then Foundation Piecing Primer.

**Cutting Instructions**  
(cut in order listed)

▣ = cut in half diagonally

Dark fabric

- 1 square 6½" x 6½" ▣ (Foundation Master areas 10 and 11)
- 1 square 5" x 5" ▣ (areas 6 and 7)
- 1 square 4" x 4" ▣ (areas 2 and 3)
- 2 squares 2¼" x 2¼" (area 1)

Light fabric

- 1 square 6½" x 6½" ▣ (areas 12 and 13)
- 1 square 5" x 5" ▣ (areas 8 and 9)
- 1 square 4" x 4" ▣ (areas 4 and 5)
- 2 squares 2¼" x 2¼" (area 1)

**Foundation Piecing the Block**

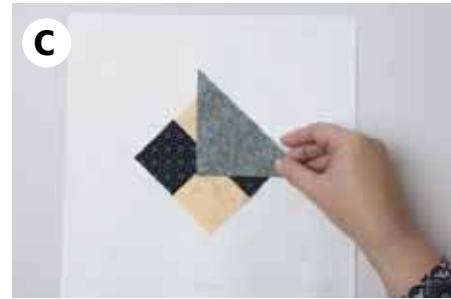
**Photo A** Make an accurate copy of the enlarged Foundation Master. Sew together 2 dark and 2 light 2¼" squares to make four-patch for block center.



**Photo B** Center four-patch on wrong side of foundation master, right side up and aligning seams with center dashed lines. Pin if desired.



**Photo C** Place matching dark 4" half-square triangle on four-patch, right sides together, to cover area 2 when sewn.



**Photo D** Turn foundation over and sew on line between areas 1 and 2, stitching ¼" beyond intersection at beginning and end of line.



**Photo E** Open and press.



**Photo F** Fold foundation paper back and trim seam allowance to ¼".



**Photo G** In same manner, add remaining 4" half-square triangles in fabrics shown on foundation.

**Photo H** Add 5" and 6½" half-square triangles in similar manner to make Snail's Trail Block. **Trim** excess fabric and paper along outer dashed lines on all sides.



Enlarge  
150%

This box measures  
2 inches by 1 inch when  
enlarged 150%. Use for  
accurate scale when printing

