

# Snail's Trail Quilt

Finishes to 34½" × 42½"

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

- ⅝ yard **each** of two contrasting colors for "snail's trails"
- ¾ yard **each** of two contrasting colors for backgrounds
- ¼ yard for inner border
- ⅝ yard for outer border
- ½ yard for binding
- 3 yards for backing (based on flannel width)
- Creative Grids® Square on Square 8" Trim Tool

Follow along with the  
**HOW TO MAKE A  
SNAIL'S TRAIL  
QUILT BLOCK**

video featured on our YouTube channel:

 [YouTube.com/Shabby Fabrics](https://www.youtube.com/ShabbyFabrics)

## NOTES

**This quilt REQUIRES the use of the Creative Grids® Square on Square 8" Trim Tool, available at [ShabbyFabrics.com](https://www.shabbyfabrics.com)**




While the instructions to make the snail's trail block are included with the Square on Square 8" Trim Tool, we've recorded a YouTube video, making it even easier to understand how to use the tool.

For instructions on how to make the blocks, see our video tutorial on YouTube.com


All seams are ¼" WOF = Width of Fabric

## CUT THE FABRIC

From **each of two snail's trail colors**, cut:

- (2) 2" × WOF strips (for strip-pieced 4-patch center)
- (12) 3" × 3" squares  
cut in half on the diagonal 
- (12) 3½" × 3½" squares  
cut in half on the diagonal 
- (12) 4½" × 4½" squares  
cut in half on the diagonal 

From **each of two background colors**, cut:

- (12) 5½" × 5½" squares  
cut in half on the diagonal 

From **inner border** fabric, cut:

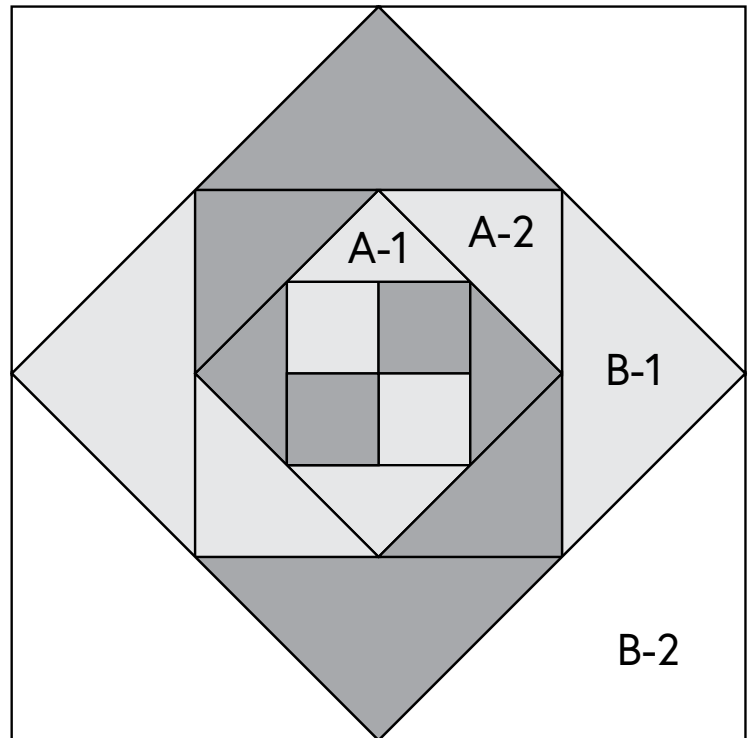
- (4) 1½" × WOF strips

From **outer border** fabric, cut:

- (4) 4½" × WOF strips

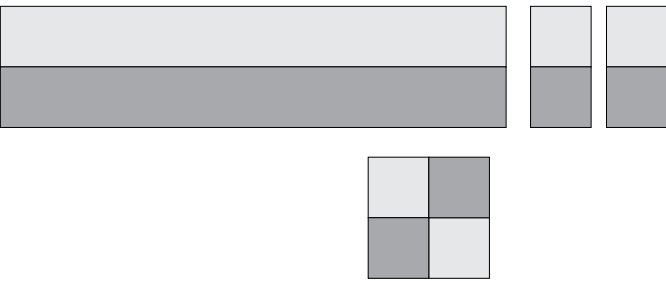
From **binding** fabric, cut:

- (5) 2½" × WOF strips  
OR, if using stripe or plaid for binding, cut enough 2½" strips **on the bias** so that, when pieced, binding measures at least 170".



**Block Diagram**

(labels refer to trim lines on Trim Tool)



## 4-PATCH CENTERS

Use 2" × WOF strips of **snail's trail** fabrics. Referring to the diagram (*left*), sew strips together, pressing seam toward darker fabric. Cut each strip into 2" sections.

Sew two sections together to form a 4-Patch unit. Press seams open.

Make a total of (12) 4-Patch units. Use Creative Grids® 8" Square on Square Trim Tool (lower right corner of ruler, labeled "Trim 2½" Pieced Square") to trim each 4-Patch unit.

## SNAIL'S TRAIL BLOCKS

**NOTE:** EACH BLOCK HAS A UNIQUE FABRIC ARRANGEMENT. Refer to the Assembly Diagram (*right*) for placement of the final round of background triangles on each block.

Referring to the instructions included with the Creative Grids® 8" Square on Square Trim Tool, make (12) Snail's Trail blocks.

Each block should measure 8½" × 8½".

## ASSEMBLE QUILT

Lay out your blocks by referring to Assembly Diagram (*right*).

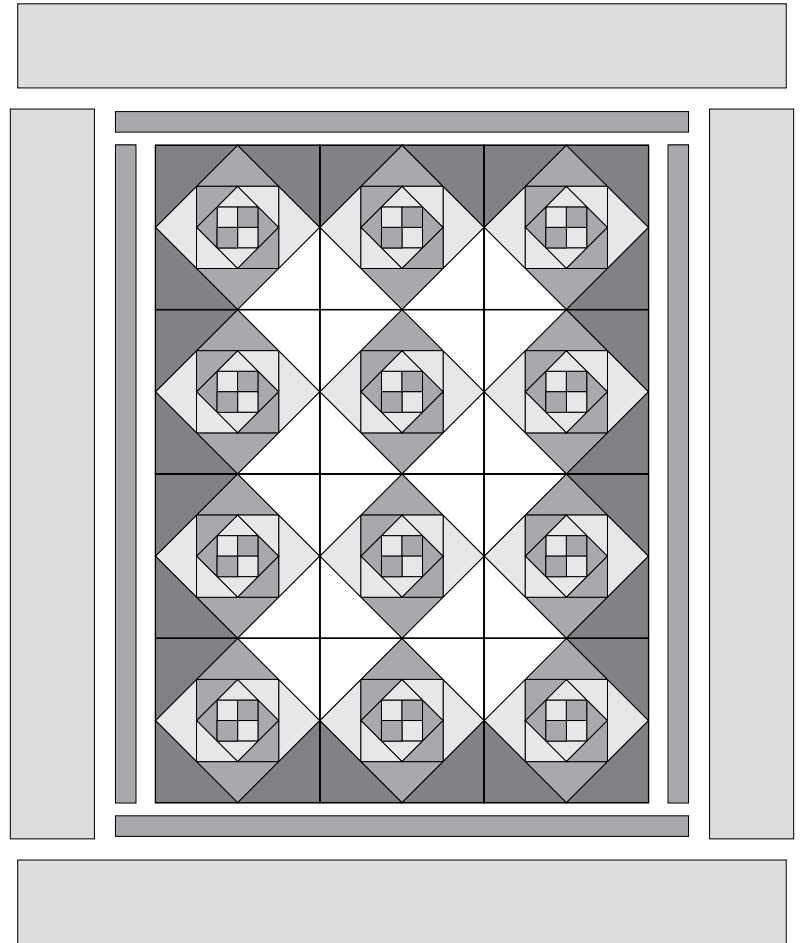
Sew blocks together in rows, pressing seams to the left for rows 1 and 3, and to the right for rows 2 and 4.

Sew rows together, pressing seams open.

When adding borders, press all seams toward inner border.

Sew **inner border** strip to left/right sides of quilt, and trim to be even with the quilt. Then sew inner border strips to top/bottom of quilt, and trim to be even with the quilt.

Sew **outer border** strips to left/right sides of the quilt, and trim to be even with the quilt. Then sew outer border strips to top/bottom of quilt, and trim to be even with the quilt.



Assembly Diagram

## FINISH

Layer quilt top, batting, and backing. Quilt as desired.

Sew **binding** strips into one long, continuous strip. Fold binding strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press. Line up raw edges of the binding strip with the raw edge of the quilt. Sew the binding to the front side of the quilt, starting at any side. Turn the binding over and hand stitch to the back of the quilt.

Enjoy your finished quilt!

