Block of the Month – October 2011
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Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
For 2010-2011, all BOM patterns will sew up as 12” blocks (12 ½” unfinished).

Snail’s Trail

Fabrics: Choose black or black-on-black and a neon or bright solid. Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting: For each block, cut pieces as follows:
- Bright or neon solid:
  - A = (1) 7” square, cut on a diagonal to make two triangles
  - B = (1) 5 ¼” square, cut on a diagonal to make two triangles
  - C = (1) 4” square, cut on a diagonal to make two triangles
  - D = (2) 2 5/8” squares
- Black or black-on-black:
  - E = (1) 7” square, cut on a diagonal to make two triangles
  - F = (1) 5 ¼” square, cut on a diagonal to make two triangles
  - G = (1) 4” square, cut on a diagonal to make two triangles
  - H = (2) 2 5/8” squares

Assembly:
Attach D+H and H+D. Then sew these together making a 4-patch. Press. Measure and trim if necessary to 4 3/4” square.
Sew C pieces onto center block, pinning at the center. Press seam outward, then sew on G pieces. Press. Measure and trim if necessary to 6 ½” square.
Sew on B pieces, press, sew on F pieces, press. Measure and trim if necessary to square up block to 9”.
Finally, sew on A pieces, press, sew on E pieces, press. Block should measure 12 ½”.

Additional directions:
It is very important to square up your block after each addition of the corner pieces. This will ensure that you have the correct dimensions to your block when you’re done. We’ve suggested cutting your pieces a little bit big, which should accommodate differences in how you define a scant ¼” seam. It may seem over the top to measure and trim after each addition of new corners, but you’ll be amazed to see how it works out if you take the time to do that.

*** Suggestion: Consider contributing some of your cutting scraps along with the block for the winner to finish the top, add a border, etc.