Walk in the Dark
Minnesota Quilters Block of the Month
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This block is called “Country Road.” When you put four blocks together, you get a lovely hourglass pattern that adds lots of life and movement to the quilt surface. Add a mix of Halloween fabrics and we create a very lively and spooky walk in the dark!

Block Size
Unfinished:
9 ½" x 9 ½"
Finished: 9" x 9"

Materials
(This will be enough to create one block.)
Cut 4, 2 3/8" squares in a dark Halloween print, then divide in half on the diagonal to create 8 right square triangles.
Cut 4, 2 3/8" squares in a contrasting Halloween print.
Divide the 4 squares into 8 right square triangles.
Cut 1 8” square in each color, then divide the square on the diagonal to create two triangles.

Directions
1. Begin with the smaller half-square triangles and arrange in alternate colors to create a shape that looks as shown in this illustration:

2. Please note that it takes seven light and seven dark half-square triangles (HST) to create this center section. After stitching the smaller triangles together, you will attach the dark triangle on the upper side (the edge with lighter triangles). Press the seams as needed but be cautious about stretching the bias edges as you work.
3. Now attach the lighter triangle to the bottom (dark) edge of the center section. You will notice that the two larger triangles are slightly longer than the edge of the center section. Simply center the larger triangle on the edge, stitch it in place and then trim the block to the 9 ½” finished size.
BOM Basics:

1. Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
2. Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
3. If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block for the winner’s use (a border or other finishing touches).
4. If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for the blocks to arrive before the meeting.

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5. To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 20 blocks (3 if we have 30+, 4 if we have 40+).
6. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.