

BLOCK PARTY – AUGUST 2022

Road to California Block

Road to California is one of the names for this traditional flying geese block. This month, choose a fabric for the center block that suggests California. Artichokes and figs are shown in the pictured block—but you might use fabrics that have other foods, flowers, trees, water. Then choose 2 solid or blender fabrics that co-ordinate with your center fabric (called fabric 1 and fabric 2 in these instructions).

Cutting:

- A. One center block
One 4.5-inch square of your favorite California-inspired fabric
- B. Four flying geese blocks, with 2 flying geese units in each block
Two 5.25-inch squares cut from fabric 1
Eight 3-inch squares cut from fabric 2
- C. Corners
Four 4.5-inch squares cut from fabric 1

Assembly: (all seams are quarter inch).

1. These instructions make 4 flying geese at a time (we need eight 2.5" x 4.5" flying geese). This website shows the process with pictures (refer to Method 1) <https://thecraftyquilter.com/2021/05/two-methods-for-oversized-flying-geese-including-cutting-charts/>
Position two 3-inch squares (fabric 2) on opposite corners of the 5.25" square, right sides together (they overlap in the center). Draw a diagonal line across both 3" squares. Sew .25-inch on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line, making 2 units. Press the small triangles away from the large triangle. This shape now looks like a heart.
2. Position a 3" square on the bottom of the "heart", right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from the bottom of the heart to the indent of the heart. Sew .25-inch on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line then press seams towards the small squares. You now have 4 flying geese units,
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 with the other 5.25-inch square and 4 remaining 3-inch squares to make a total of eight flying geese units.
4. Trim each flying goose unit to 2.5 by 4.5-inches. **When trimming, be sure to allow for a .25-inch seam allowances at all the points.**
5. Sew together 2 flying geese units as pictured. Press well and trim the block to a 4.5 inch square. Repeat to make a total of 4 pairs of flying geese.
6. Arrange the units as shown in the picture with the geese blocks flying towards the center square. Stitch blocks to make 3 rows. Press seams in the outside rows to the geese. Press seams in the center row towards the center block. Then stitch the rows, nesting the seams. Press well.

**The block should measure 12.5 inches square.
Do not trim the block - let the winner trim all the blocks.**

To participate in the August Block Party, make the block as described; mail or drop off to **Karel Peer**. Your name will be entered once for each block received (enclose a note if you don't want your name in the drawing). Blocks must be received by August 20th. The winner will be drawn and announced at the August 22nd SCVQA meeting with pictures of the blocks and the winner's name in the September newsletter. Sharon Frieson & Karel Peer