

Road to Heaven

This is a lap quilt that measures 45" x 63" without any borders. If, after you've completed both parts, you want the quilt to be larger, you can either make more blocks or add borders.

Fabric Yardages:

Background: scraps to total 2 yds.

Medium/Dark: scraps to total 3 yds.

Cutting Instructions

Background Fabric

44 squares at 5½" Cut these once diagonally to get 88 half-square triangles

92 squares cut at 3¼" Cut these once diagonally to get 184 half-square triangles

4 squares cut at 5"

Medium/Dark Fabric

96 squares cut at 2¾"

180 squares cut at 3¼" Cut these squares in half to get 360 half-square triangles

Piecing The Blocks

Using the triangles of both background and M/D fabrics, piece 144 half-square triangles. Press the seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Once you have them pressed, trim them down so that they measure 2¾" edge to edge. (I had you cut them slightly larger than they needed to be so that you'd be able to trim them down.) When you're finished your half-square triangles should look like the one shown.

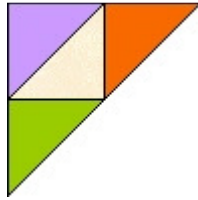


Using all 96 of the M/D 2¾" squares that you cut earlier and 96 of the half-square triangles that you just finished, make 48 block segments that look like the one pictured. These segments should measure 5" edge to edge (4½" finished size).

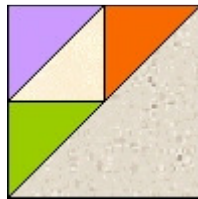


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Use 48 more of your half-square triangles to piece a larger triangle by adding “wings” to the edges. Add a M/D triangle to two edges of the half-square triangle as shown. Make sure that they look like the diagram!



Add a triangle that you cut from the 5½” background squares to get a square. These triangles will be slightly larger than you need so that you can press it and then trim the square down so that it measures 5” from edge to edge (4½” finished size). Your finished square should look like the one pictured.



Now you can put these two units together to create your blocks! You need 24 blocks that look like the one shown and they should measure 9½” edge to edge (9” finished size). Make sure that you get your segments turned correctly. It’s easy to get them turned around!



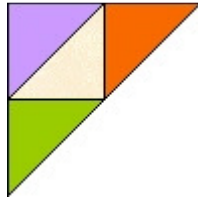
Here are the instructions for the border blocks for Road to Heaven. They're simply more of the same but they sure make a nice border for this quilt!

Use the remaining 40 background and 40 of the M/D half-square triangles that you cut from the 3¼” squares make 40 more half-square triangles. Press the seam allowance toward the dark fabric and then trim them so that they measure 2¾” from edge to edge (2¼” finished size).

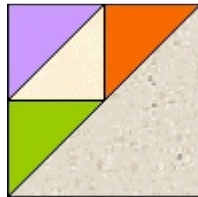


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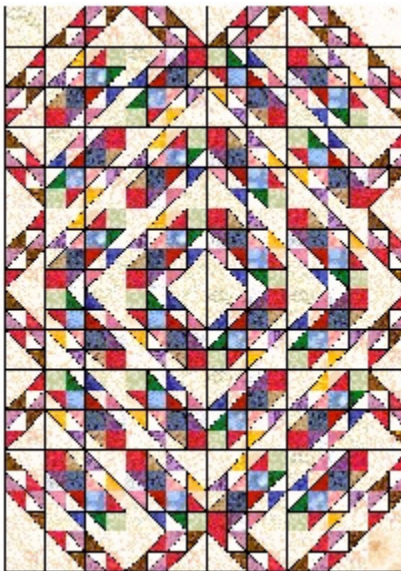
Now using the last of your M/D half-square triangles (cut from the 3¼" squares) add "wings" to two edges of the half-square triangle you just completed. It should look like the one shown.



Add the remaining background triangles that you cut from the 5½" squares to the edge so that you get a square. Press it well and then trim it so that it measures 5" edge to edge (4½" finished size).



Now you're ready to put it all together!! Don't be afraid to play with these blocks to find different designs -- that's part of the fun! There are lots of designs that you can come up with so choose whichever one pleases you. If you chose to set your quilt like it is below, you'll need the 4 background squares that you cut at 5" for the corners. Make your quilt larger by adding more blocks or a borders.



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