

Row by Row 2017: Highway 160

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Included in Your Kit

5/8 yard black (highway and cars)

(You will have enough black to bind the project if you're not adding the row into a quilt.)

1/8 yard gray (sidewalks)

(5) assorted 6" x 8" pieces (cars)

33 buttons; you only need 30 (signal lights)

Bling pack (headlights)

WOF = Width of fabric

1/4" seam allowance throughout

Cutting

From **black** fabric

- ✓ (2) 2" WOF strips
- ✓ Sub-cut into (28) 2" x 2" squares

- ✓ 1" WOF strip; trim to measure 36 1/2" in length

- ✓ (2) 3 1/2" WOF strips
- ✓ Sub-cut into (10) 3 1/2" x 3"; (5) 3 1/2" x 4"; (5) 3 1/2" x 5" pieces

From **gray** fabric

- ✓ (2) 1 3/4" WOF strips; trim to measure 36 1/2" in length

From five **assorted** fabrics

- ✓ (14) 3 1/2" x 2" rectangles

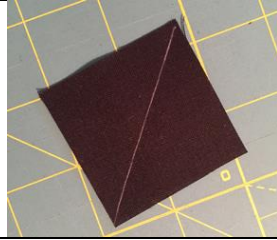
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Make flying geese cars

Draw a diagonal line (corner to corner) on the wrong side of all black 2" squares.



Place one square on right side of rectangle. Sew on drawn line.



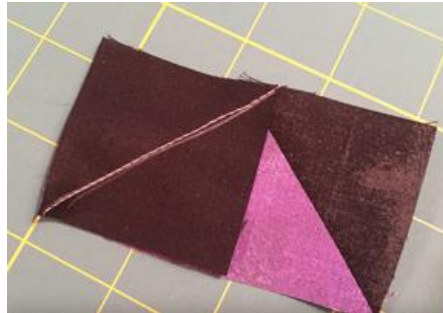
Trim off both triangle pieces leaving a 1/4" allowance to the right of the seam line.



Press toward the square.

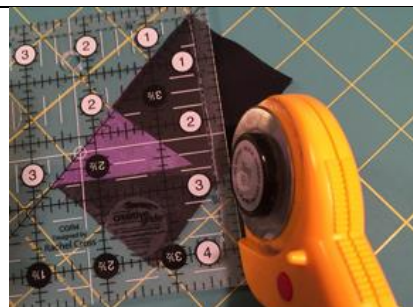


Place another 2" square on the opposite side of the rectangle. Stitch on the line.



Trim off both triangle pieces leaving a 1/4" allowance to the right of the seam line.

Press toward square.

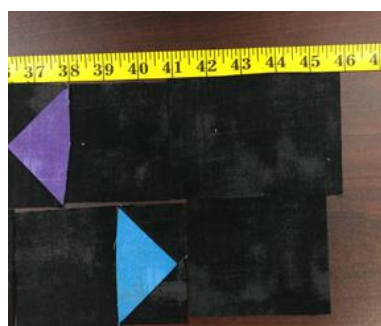
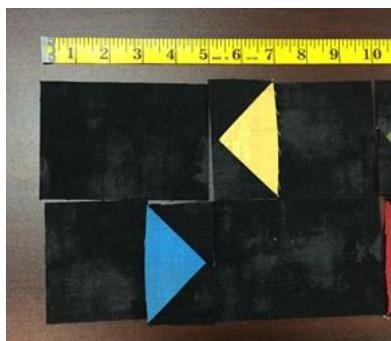


This is your flying geese car. Notice the 1/4" of black fabric at the top. That is correct. When you make your seams to sew the cars into the highway you will sew right up to the point at the top, being careful not to cut off the point with your seam.



Assemble the highway

Using your 14 flying geese cars and the various sizes (3 1/2" wide) pieces of black fabric, lay out the highway any way you'd like. Leave at least a 3" black piece on each end (you will trim after you've sewn each side of the highway together). You will have a few black pieces left over and you may occasionally sew two black pieces together to create more space between the cars (no tailgating!). Make sure that your highway lanes measure at least 45 inches before you sew the pieces together. Sew your cars into the highway. Press all seams in the direction the cars are traveling (toward the point).



Trim both sides of the highway to measure 36 1/2" in length. Sew the 1" black strip down the center of the two lanes. Press seams toward center of the highway.

Sew the 1 3/4" gray pieces of fabric to each side of the highway. You've made sidewalks.

Draw a line down the very center of the highway. It does not have to be perfectly straight. Then, make little marks as shown here. One-inch alternating with one-half inch spacing.

Using white thread and a satin stitch (we used W = 2.5, L = 0.15 on a BERNINA), stitch between each of the half-inch marks to create one-inch highway striping. Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end of each stripe.



Sew on buttons to create signal lights on the sidewalks as shown in the image on page 1.

Quilt as desired and bind, or add to your Row by Row quilt. Add crystal headlights to the cars approximately 3/4" from the front point of each car. You may use an iron, but having a *Crystal Crafter Hotfix Crystal Applicator* will make it much easier. Enjoy!