Rocky Mountain Puzzle

Suggested values: choose a light, a dark and two mediums.

The discovery of gold in 1858 brought explorers to the Rockies, a rugged mountain range that extends over 3,000 miles. Between 1840 and 1870, a quarter of a million Americans crossed those mountains.

The theme of migration is evident in the triangle pieces of the block, often used to represent birds, mountains, waves, or directional movement. Other patterns were Delectable Mountains, Wandering Foot, and Kansas Troubles.

Cutting Instructions
Layer cut right sides together:

(1) 8" x 8" square light
(1) 8" x 8" square dark

(1) 4" square light
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Cut for “Log Cabin” center:

(1) 3 ½" square first medium or fussycut
(1) 2" x 22" strip second medium

Cut:

(2) 3 ½" squares light

To Make These Pieces

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2

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Making Ten

1. Press squares right sides together.
2. Draw 4" squaring lines.
4. Square to 3 ½".

Making the Center

1. Lay center square right sides together on strip. Sew.
2. Trim strip to 3 ½" size of center square. Press seam toward strip fabric.
3. Lay square right sides together on strip. Sew.
5. Lay square right sides together on strip. Sew.

8. Square to 6 ½".
1. Assembly-line sew top and bottom rows. Clip connecting threads.


3. Carefully match, pin and sew side pieces to center square. Press seams toward center.
4. Sew top and bottom rows to center row.
5. Press.