September 2022 - Shoofly Pinwheel

Cutting sizes given are a little oversized. This allows you to trim / square up block at the end. For this block, I used 2 contrasting colors (See examples below). Feel free to experiment with color combos:)







Begin with four Half Square Triangles (HST). There are numerous ways to make them. Pick your favorite method and trim to 7.5". Not sure how to make them? I've included some easy how-to directions at the end of these instructions:)

Use what works best for you!



Step 1

Make four HST that measure 7.5 each.
Layout as shown at the left, creating a pinwheel design.

Sew together as a 4-patch. I found it helpful to press the 2 vertical seams toward the yellow fabric.

The longer horizontal seam I pressed open.

Press flat.

Trim / square to

14.25 inches

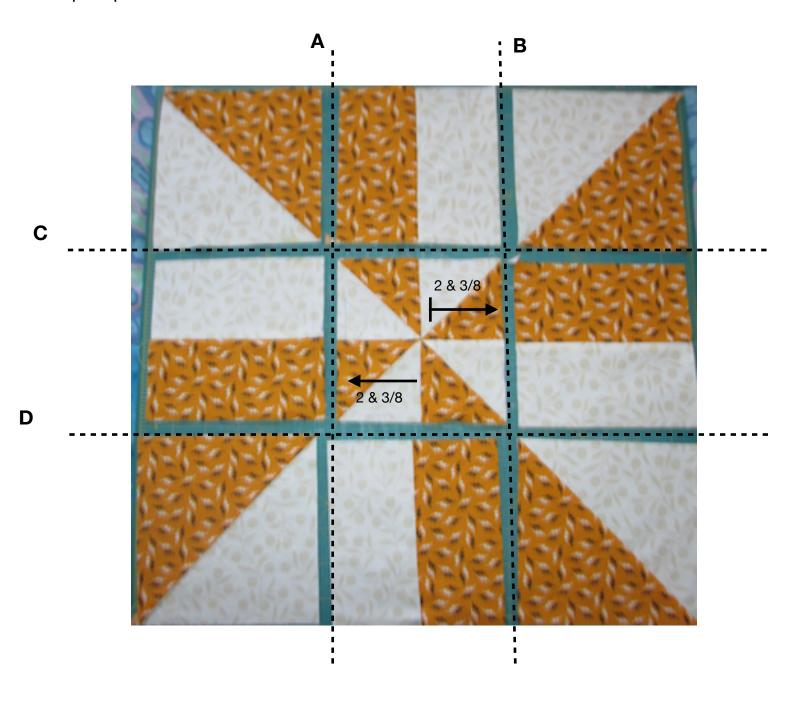
Step 2

We need to divide the block into 9 equal pieces.

We will make our cuts by measuring FROM THE CENTER SEAMS.

To do that, measure 2 & 3/8 inches from both sides of the center vertical seam and make cuts A & B .

Repeat process for the horizontal cuts C and D.



Step 3

Turn the yellow corners of the HST to point toward the center. Turn the side bar squares so yellow is on the outside. The center pinwheel doesn't move. Sew together as a 9-patch. Press top & bottom rows towards the center. Press the center row towards the outside. This will make it easy to nest seams together.



Step 4
Press flat and trim to 12.5 inches.

To enter the May 2023 prize drawing, e-mail a picture to me or bring your block to a meeting. Questions? Call or e-mail me. Lisa Gorski

2-at-a-time - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxOXf_RrVxl

4-at-a-time - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQWb9bk6moM&t=85s

How to trim - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDeMNjL42dl

Two-At-A-Time 7.5 inch HST

Cut out one 8.5" white and one 8.5" print square. Place right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the white square (fig. 1).

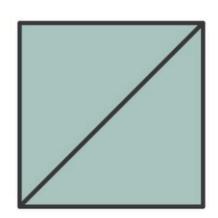
Sew a 1/4 inch seam on either side of the line.

Cut on the drawn line. (Fig.2)

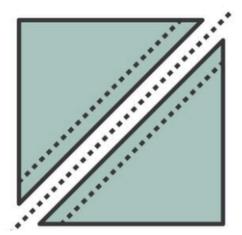
Open and press to the dark side. Trim to 7.5 inch square.

This will give you 2 HST. Repeat to make 4 HST needed for this project.

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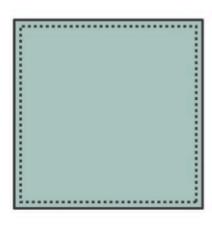
Four-At-A-Time 7.5 inch HST

Cut out one 11.5 inch white square and one 11.5 inch print square. Place right sides together and sew a 1/4 inch seam all the way around the edge (fig. 1).

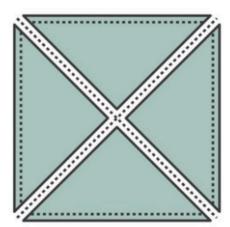
Cut on both diagonals (fig. 2). Open and press to dark side.

Trim to 7.5 inches. You now have 4 HST!

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Credit to Jenny Doan at Missouri Star and HollyAnne Knight at String and Stars for videos

*** If you make this block in a different size, be sure to measure your block to the nearest <u>1/4 inch</u>. Divide your measurement by 3 and round to <u>nearest 1/8 inch</u>. That will be the size you need to make each of the 9 squares in the next step. <u>Why? The 9 new pieces will have to fit together when rearranged.</u> ****

Here's what I did for our Sept. Block:

14.25 divided by 3 = 4.75 inches (4 and 6/8 inches).

So each of the 9 sections must measure 4.75 square.