

September Block of the Month: Spools

Materials:

choose 4 spool fabrics;

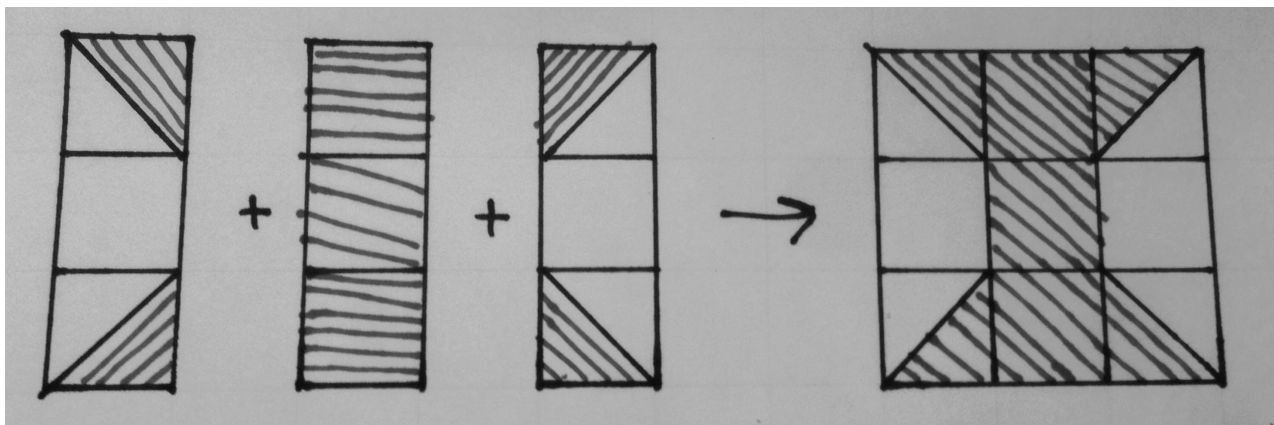
from **each fabric** cut: 2 - $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
 3 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

from background fabric cut: 16 - $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
 8 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Construction:

Sort spool squares into 4 sets and choose one to begin with. Draw a diagonal line on the back of each $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " background square. Match each $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " spool square with a background one, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the drawn line, and cut apart on line. Press open and trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Sew matching $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " background squares on either side of a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " spool square. Sew $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " half-square triangle (HST) units on either side of a spool $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square, oriented so that the spool side match. Refer to diagram for proper positioning.



Sew strips together in a 3 x 3 configuration, making sure that the HST units are in the upper and lower corners. Refer to diagram for proper positioning. Press and measure the spool blocks. They should be 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" square at this point.

Repeat instructions with the other 3 sets of spool sets. Sew the completed spool blocks together so that the bottom of one side abuts the side of another in a 2 x 2 configuration. press and measure finished block. It should be 12 1/2".

Remember your 1/4" seam allowance.

You can choose to make a complete quilt top by repeating these instructions or you can set this block aside and make a sampler quilt. We look forward to seeing everyone's blocks.