

August Block of the Month: Pinwheels

Block finishes at 12" (unfinished at 12 1/2").

Materials:

8 - 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" squares from a light fabric

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Construction:

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each light square. Pair a light and dark square, right sides together and sew 1/4" on each side of drawn line, cut apart on the line, making 16 units. Press to dark side and trim finished half-square triangle unit to 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". Sew together pairs of half-square units to form rectangles, matching light to dark fabrics, orient points to the center forming pinwheels. Repeat with rest of units, creating 8 rectangles. Sew pairs of rectangles together lights touching darks, orient points to the center forming pinwheels. Square each pinwheel unit to measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2". Sew the four pinwheels together in a 2 by 2 grid. The finished block should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".

Alternative color choice:

For a scrappy block, pick 4 different dark and/or light fabrics. When assembling the pinwheels, use one color pair for each.

Alternative sewing method:

Watch the video created by the Missouri Star Company online.
blog.missouriquiltco.com/update-on-the-easy-pinwheels/

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.

