

“Sew Much Fun” HVQ 2015 Row Quilt ~ 3-D Pinwheel Block

We will be making six 9" blocks for this row. You can make them all out of two prints and a background fabric or as many prints as you want for a scrappy look.



12 assorted prints cut into 9" x 4 1/2" rectangles

Fabric Requirements:

5/8 yard background fabric

- Cut 24 - 5 1/2" squares. Set aside.

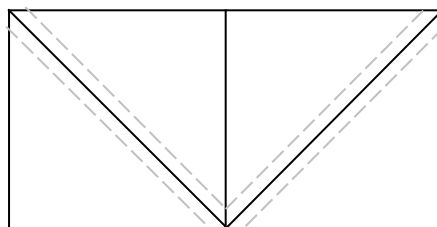
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- Cut each into a 9" x 4 1/2" rectangle

Instructions: Half-Square Triangle Units (HSTs)

Pair up the prints in sets of two.

Mark lines on the back of the lighter print of each set as diagrammed.



Draw a straight line at the center (4-1/2"), then draw a diagonal line from one corner to the center, then to the opposite corner. In a V

Stitch 1/4" on both sides of the diagonal lines as indicated. Chain-Piece if desired. Press.



Cut apart on the solid lines. You'll now have 4 HST units from each set for a total of 24 units.

Press the seams open (or to one side, I tried both and it works about the same either way).



Next, Fold each HST in half on the stitching line with wrong sides together; press flat.

Edge-stitch along the folded side.



Now lay out all the HST units. Bring one point to the raw edge corners and pin in place. Repeat for all HST units.



Arrange them anyway you like making sure each set of 4 "spins" the same direction.



Lay out 4 background squares (making sure your straight of grain runs the same way on each). Place the HST units on the background. Using a longer stitch length, machine-baste the HST units to the background fabric with slightly less than a 1/4" seam.



Now sew the block together as you would a 4 patch. Use a wider than 1/4" seam allowance and press the seams open as you go.

Trim the blocks to 9 1/2 inches square, making sure to center the pinwheel before you trim.

Note: As you press each seam it will flatten the pinwheel. When you're all finished you can steam and press from the inside on each section to undo that pressed line.

