

Cabin Fever Quilt Along

Part 9: Spacers

Spacers are used to make different size blocks fit together. The spacers used in this quilt are Half Square Triangles, Flying Geese, and Pinwheels. I've sent instructions to make Flying Geese one at a time in a separate document. The instructions below cover the Pinwheel, which is made of four HSTs.

There are 39 HSTs, 19 Flying Geese, and 6 Pinwheels.

Pinwheel

Building Blocks: Squares are each 2-1/2" unfinished.

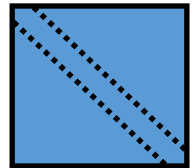
4 squares HST, scrap/neutral

Cutting: These cutting instructions will make the Half Square Triangles (HST) oversized. They will need to be cut down using the Tucker Trimmer or another square ruler. Also, these instructions will make one Pinwheel. You can make them all alike, or make each with a different scrap and neutral.

Scrap: Two squares, 3-1/4"

Neutral: Two squares, 3-1/4"

Construction: Mark the wrong side of the two neutral squares with two diagonal lines, using a Quilter's Quarter ruler or a Quilter's Magic Wand. Layer each neutral square with a scrap square, right sides together. Sew on the marked lines, cut between them, and press the HSTs open.



Trim the HSTs to 2-1/2 inches square, positioning the diagonal line of your square ruler on the seam for the first two cuts, then rotate the square to finish cutting it down to size.

Use the photo to help you position the squares into a Pinwheel. Sew the squares together in two rows, and then sew the rows together. The block will be 4-1/2" (unfinished size).



I've marked the Pinwheels in the photo below. There are so many HSTs and Flying Geese that I decided not to point them out. You'll see how to place them when we sew the quilt together in sections.

