

Block of the Month Scrappy Pinwheel

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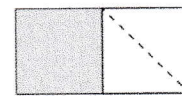
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4 strips neutral coloured fabric 4 1/2 x 2 1/2"

4 squares neutral fabric 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of each neutral square.



2. Using a scant 1/4" seam, create the points for your pinwheel:
Sew a neutral fabric square onto one end of each coloured strip as shown in the diagram (point is on the bottom right)



Check the orientation. When you look at the strip from the front, the point will be on the right hand side, as seen in the photo. This ensures that all of the pinwheels will "blow" in the same direction.

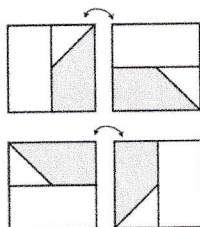
4. Trim 1/4" from the diagonal sew line and press toward the coloured strip.

5. Using a scant 1/4" seam, sew a neutral strip to each pointed strip as in the photo. The neutral strip meets the neutral area of the point. Press toward the coloured fabric.



6. Check that your pieces are 4 1/2" square and trim if needed.

7. Turn each piece so that the colours meet in the middle, as shown in the diagram. Sew 2 pieces together, then sew these together to create a pinwheel 🧵



🧵 **measure the
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for the best co-created
community quilt** 😊

8. Trim blocks to 8 1/2" square.

Note: Sewing a square diagonally onto a strip can be difficult! Check on-line tutorials for flying geese blocks for some excellent tips, such as:

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/6-tips-to-improve-flying-geese-8649951>

This block is based on free pattern by Andy Knowlton

<https://app.box.com/s/e3jc6v12mkfamphcggxe>

Block of the Month Scrappy Pinwheel Star August 2026 LQG newsletter



This is a version of the previous Scrappy Pinwheel with coloured and neutral fabrics reversed.

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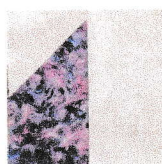


2. Using a scant 1/4" seam, create the points for your star:

Sew a neutral fabric square onto one end of each coloured strip as shown in the diagram

4. Trim 1/4" from the diagonal sew line and press toward the coloured strip.

5. Using a scant 1/4" seam, sew a neutral strip to each pointed strip as in the photo. Press toward the neutral fabric (whatever flattens best). ****Make sure that the long side of the coloured fabric is touching the neutral fabric.**

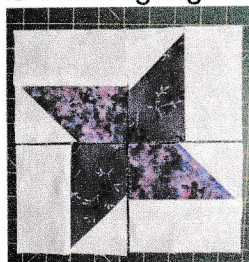


6. Check that your pieces are 4 1/2" square and trim if needed.
**This is a very important step.



7. Turn each piece so that the colours meet in the middle, as shown below. Sew 2 pieces together, then sew these together to create a star 🧵

before sewing together



after sewing together



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