

Block of the Month June to November 2017

For the next 6 months I will be offering 2 blocks a month. Each block will be 12 1/2 inches at 12 inches finished.

These will be *your blocks to keep*, no winners pool for these months, but it would like if you would show & tell them.

Each block will all be at least 3 colors, the background and 2 *or more* colors. For a 3 color quilt of this size, you will use approximately 2 yards of each color.

After the 6 months, you may want to continue your quilt with additional 12 1/2 inch blocks for a larger size using solid alternative blocks or more pieced blocks of your choice.

Smaller blocks may be added if you like. This is your quilt, use your imagination.

These colors will be your own choice. It could be scrappy, mono tone, modern, asst'd colors, retro, reproductions, anything you like.

If you don't care for the 12 inch blocks, you are more than welcome to re-size them yourself.

I hope that you will enjoy the next several months,

Janet

 *All Hallows Variation*



**** Supplies List ****



Color 1 needs: one 5" x 15" rectangle AND one 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 5-3/4" strip



Color 2 needs: one 2-1/2" x 10" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 5-3/4" strip



Color 3 needs: one 4-1/2" x 18" strip AND two 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strips

*** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block ****

First, mark and cut the Color 1 - 5" x 15" rectangle into twelve 2-1/2" squares...



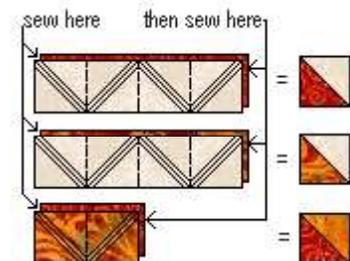
Now mark and cut the Color 2 - 2-1/2" x 10" strip into four 2-1/2" squares...



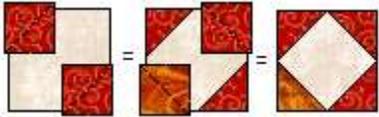
Then mark and cut the Color 3 - 4-1/2" x 18" strip into four 4-1/2" squares...



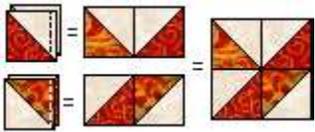
Next, speed piece the half squares, by stacking the Color 3 (only 1 strip) & Color 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strips right sides together and all edges aligned. On the back of the top strip, lightly mark the 2-7/8" square lines. Now mark the diagonals in the direction shown at below. Sew 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square lines. Cut apart on the marked diagonals between the rows of stitching and on the square lines. This will give you eight Color 3 / Color 1 half squares. Repeat this same procedure with a Color 3 / Color 2 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip set to get eight in that color combo, and with a Color 1 / Color 2 2-7/8" x 5-3/4" strip set to get four in that color combo. Press all seams towards the darker fabrics.



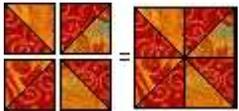
Now place a Color 1 2-1/2" square lined up with the upper left corner of a Color 3 4-1/2" square, right sides together and all edges aligned. On the back of the top small square draw the diagonal, and sew on this marked line. Cut off the excess seam allowance. Press the remainder towards the center square. Repeat this with another Color 1 small square on the opposing corner. Repeat with another Color 1 small square on the top right corner, and a Color 2 small square on the opposing corner, pressing these last two seams towards the outer triangles. Make four units like this...



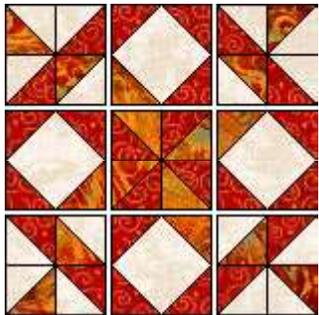
Using 1/4" seams, sew a Color 1/Color 3 half square to a Color 2/Color 3 half square, then sew a Color 2/Color 3 half square to a Color 1/Color 3 half square. Join these to make the unit shown at left. Make four units like this...



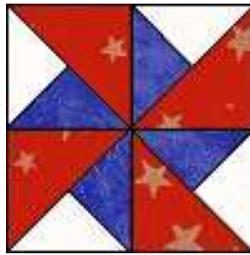
Now make the block's center by joining the four Color1/Color2 half squares as shown at left...



Next, piece the block, by joining the previously made units! Be sure to alternate pressing directions with the addition of each unit, so that your seams are all staggered, and will lie nice and flat!



Pinwheel



colors are only suggestions

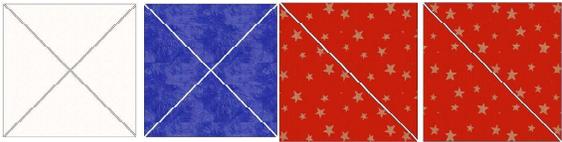
For a 12 inch finished Pinwheel block you will need:

From your red cut two $6 \frac{7}{8}$ inch squares, which you will cut in half diagonally

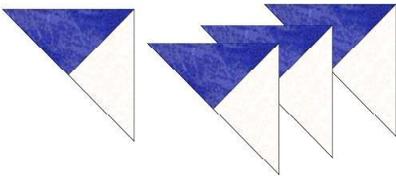
From your white cut one $7 \frac{1}{4}$ inch square, which you will cut into quarters diagonally

From your blue cut one $7 \frac{1}{4}$ inch square, which you will cut into quarters diagonally

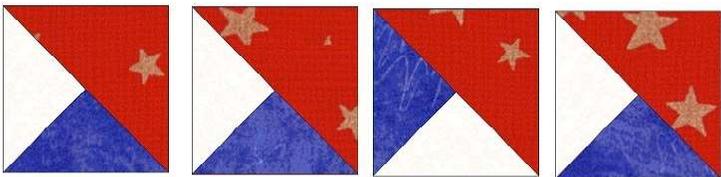
When you cut these squares, you created bias edges. Be very careful when sewing and pressing not to stretch that bias.



Place a blue and white triangle right sides together and together sew on the short side. Repeat with the remaining blue and white triangles. Be sure to sew them all on the same side so all four are alike.



Sew the two color units to red triangles. Press to the red. Trim back to $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inches if needed. Repeat with the remaining units.



Then sew them together into halves, and then the whole block. Your block should be $6 \frac{1}{2}$ inches square.

