



How To Quilt™

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PINWHEEL QUILT BLOCK

The Pinwheel quilt block is made by creating HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLES, and opens up a world of new shapes for quilters. It's also the ideal place to begin managing fabrics cut on the BIAS, which can be less stable than fabrics cut as squares or rectangles. By altering the layout of the half-square triangles, it's possible to create movement and draw the eye across the finished quilt with very little effort.

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FABRIC REQUIREMENTS & CUTTING LIST



cut 1 of each at 5.5" x 5.5"



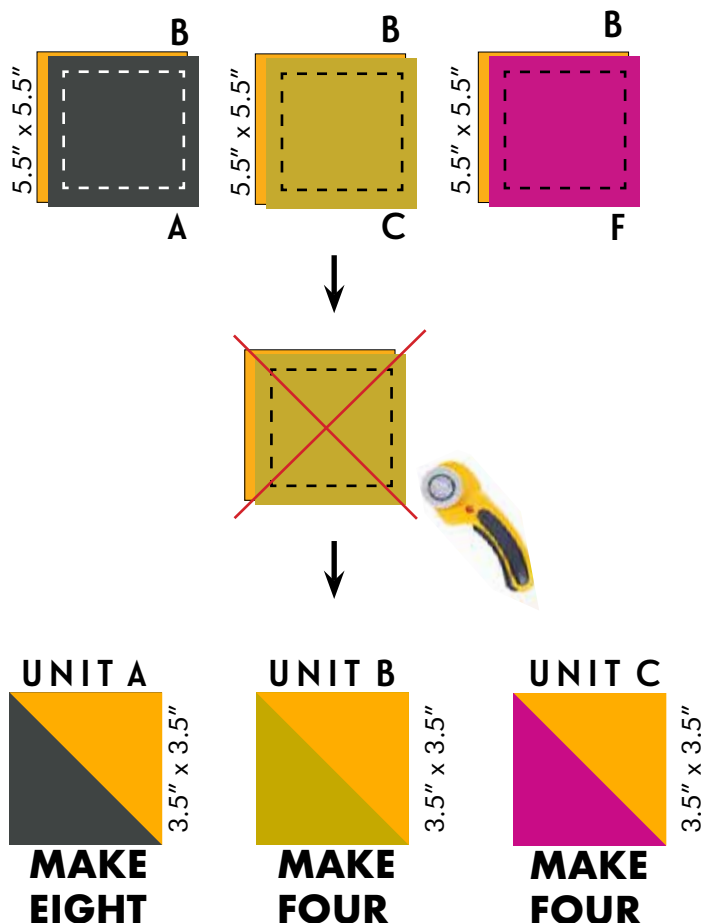
cut 4 at 5.5" x 5.5"



cut 2 at 5.5" x 5.5"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY

all seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise indicated



MAKE THE HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLES

This technique for sewing half-square triangles makes four at a time with very little waste.

Begin by placing one of each square of Fabric A, C, and F right sides together with one square of Fabric B, keeping raw edges even.

Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch around the entire perimeter of the squares, leaving no opening (illustrated by the dotted line).

Next, draw two diagonal lines from corner to corner, in opposite directions, forming an X through the center of the squares (red solid line). Cut along each of these lines, creating four identical triangles.

These will open out to become your half-square triangles.

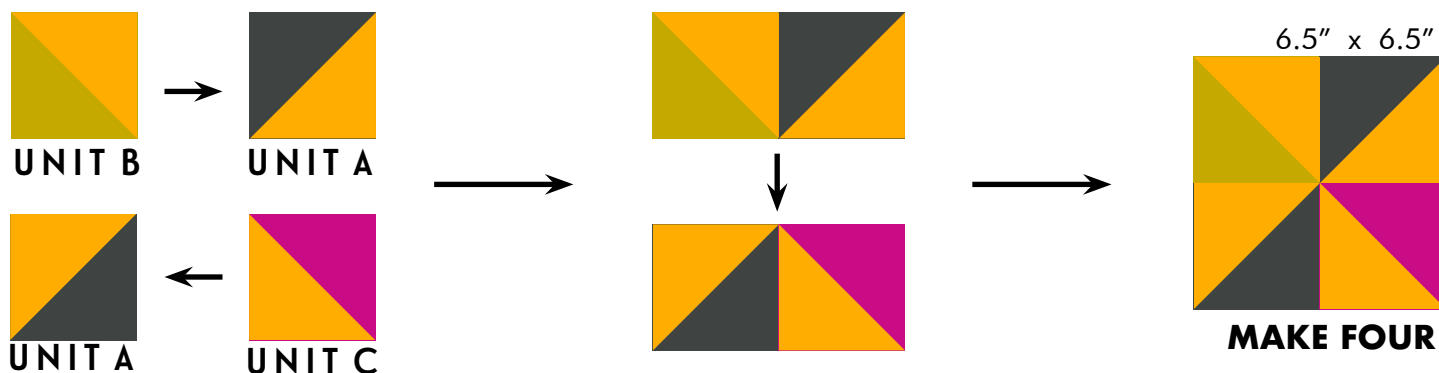


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Arrange one of Unit B and Unit C with two of Unit A as shown (far left). Take care to orient the diagonal of each unit as illustrated to create the pinwheel effect when the block is sewn.

First, stitch each unit right sides together with its neighbor, and press seam allowances in the DIRECTION OF THE ARROWS. Next, place the two resulting rows right sides together and NEST the seams, then stitch along the long edge. Repeat with the remaining units to make FOUR identical pinwheels.

Press the seam allowances to one side.

In a similar manner, arrange the four pinwheels constructed above as shown (far left, below). Again, take care to orient the Fabric F portion to create the pinwheel effect at the center of the finished block.

Stitch the two units on the top row, right sides together, and press the seam allowances in the direction of the arrows; repeat with the two units on the bottom row. Then, stitch the two rows together, nesting the seams.

Press the final seam allowances to one side. Trim to 12.5" x 12.5" if necessary. This is the completed block.

