

Patriotic Pinwheel



Fabric Required:

- 2 – 2 ½” x 14” Red Strips
- 1 – 2 ½” x 14” White Stripe
- 2 – 6 ½” x 6 ½” Blue Square

Technically, the strips can be 13” long, but I'm adding a little wiggle room for trimming.

Construction:

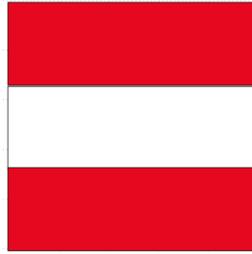
Sew one red strip with a white strip along the long edge using a standard ¼” seam allowance. Press the seam towards the red strip.

Sew the remaining red strip to the other long edge of the white strip you previously sewn. Press the seam towards the red strip.



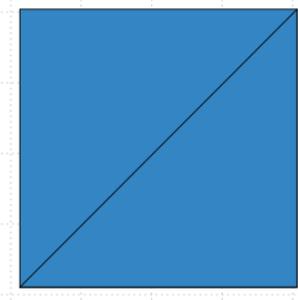
NOTE: Before sub-cutting, measure across the three strips to see if they measure 6 ½” across. If they do not, sub-cut your blocks to the actual width that you measured to be perfectly square. Trim the blue blocks to be the same size.

Sub-cut the red and white strip into two 6 ½" x 6 ½" blocks (or your actual measured size).

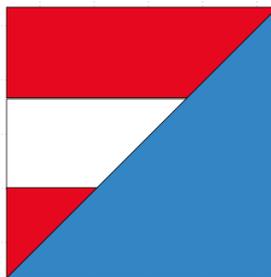


On the wrong side of your blue 6 ½" square blocks, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other. Place the red/white strip square and the blue block with right sides facing. You may wish to pin in the middle to hold the blocks together.

Sew a seam ¼" away from the drawn line. Turn the block and sew another seam ¼" away from the drawn line along the opposite side. **NOTE:** The orientation of the stripe block does not matter (vertical or horizontal) the results will come out the same



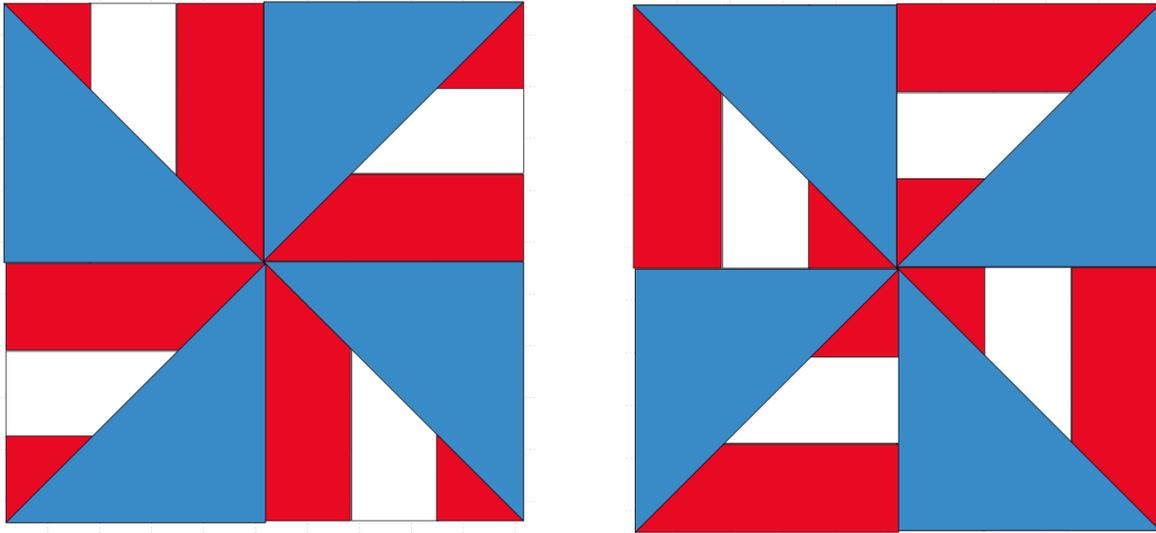
Cut along the drawn line to create two HST blocks. Press the seam towards the blue fabric.



Repeat with the second red/white stripe block and blue block for a total of 4 HST blocks.

Trim the blocks to 6" squares (or equal size if you have smaller blocks).

Arrange the four HST blocks in a 2x2 pattern. Rotate the blocks to form a pinwheel shape in either variation and sew them together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press open the seams to reduce bulk.



The finished block size will be approximately 11 1/2" x 11 1/2"

Fun color variations would be with blue/white strips and a red block, or red/blue strips with a white block.