

Disappearing Pinwheel Arrow



Fabric Required:

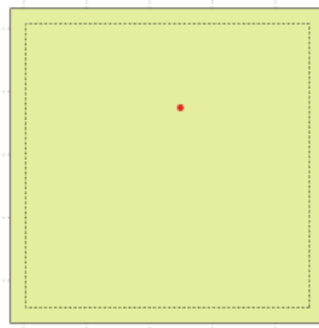
For colors this month, choose a light solid for the background, and anything you want that will contrast for the foreground.

- 1 – 10” Square Foreground Fabric
- 1 – 10” Square Background Fabric

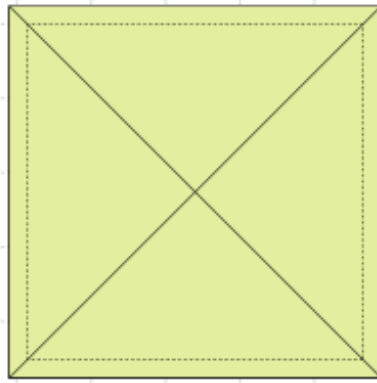
Construction:

We will be doing a four at a time half-square triangle for a quick and easy block. **NOTE:** The HST's that are created using this method will all be on the bias, so be careful not to stretch your blocks.

Place the two squares together right sides facing. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ ” seam around all sides of the block.



On the light fabric, mark from corner to corner to form an X on the block.

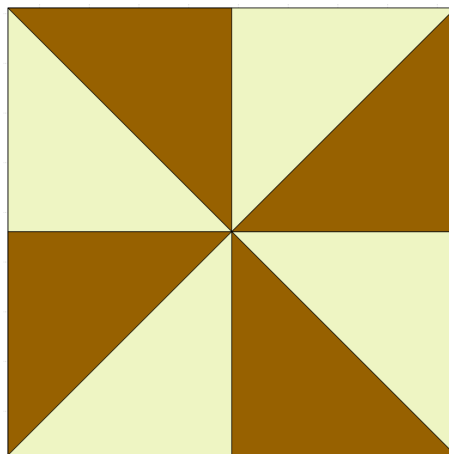


Cut along the marked lines. This will give you four half-square triangle blocks.

Open and press towards the dark fabric. Trim the dog ears and square up the blocks to 6 ½" square.



Arrange the blocks in the following manner and sew together with a standard ¼" seam allowance to make a Pinwheel block. Spin your center seam to help keep the block flat.

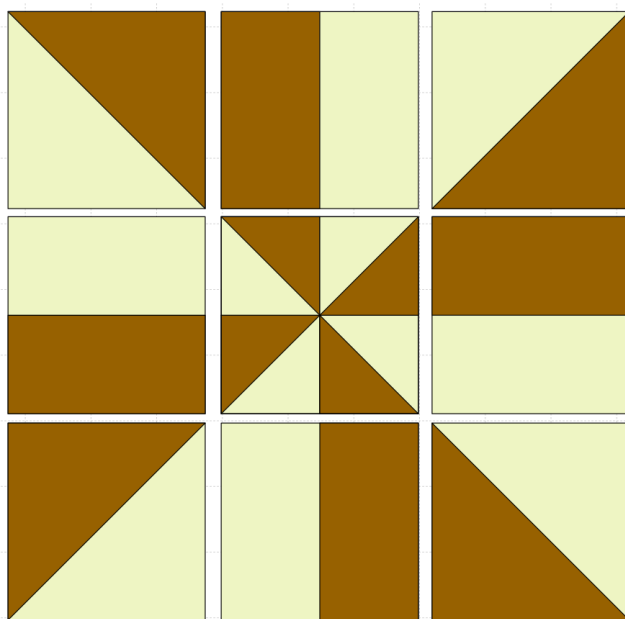


Your pinwheel block should measure approximately 12 ½" x 12 ½"

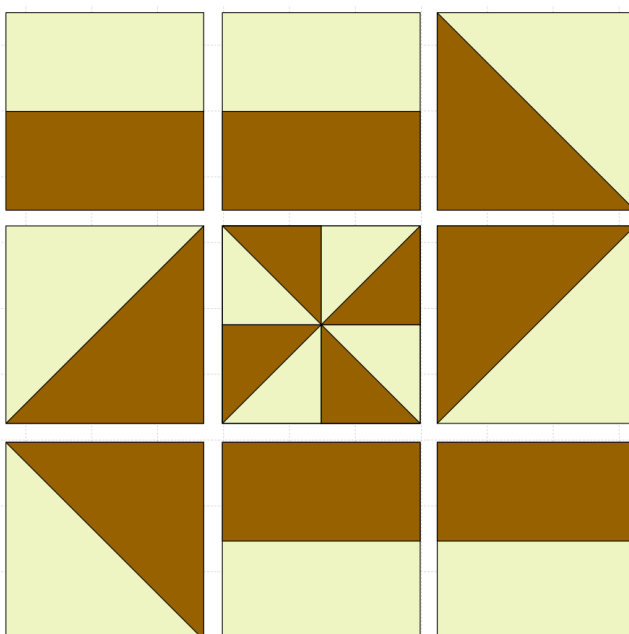
On the left side of the block, measure over 4 1/8" from the edge. Using whatever marking tool that you are comfortable writing on fabric with (pen, pencil, chalk, etc.), mark a line from top to bottom.

Rotate the block 1/4 turn and again measure 4 1/8" from the edge and mark another line. Repeat this two more times. You should have your block marked with four different lines that divide the block into a nine-patch.

Cut along the lines.

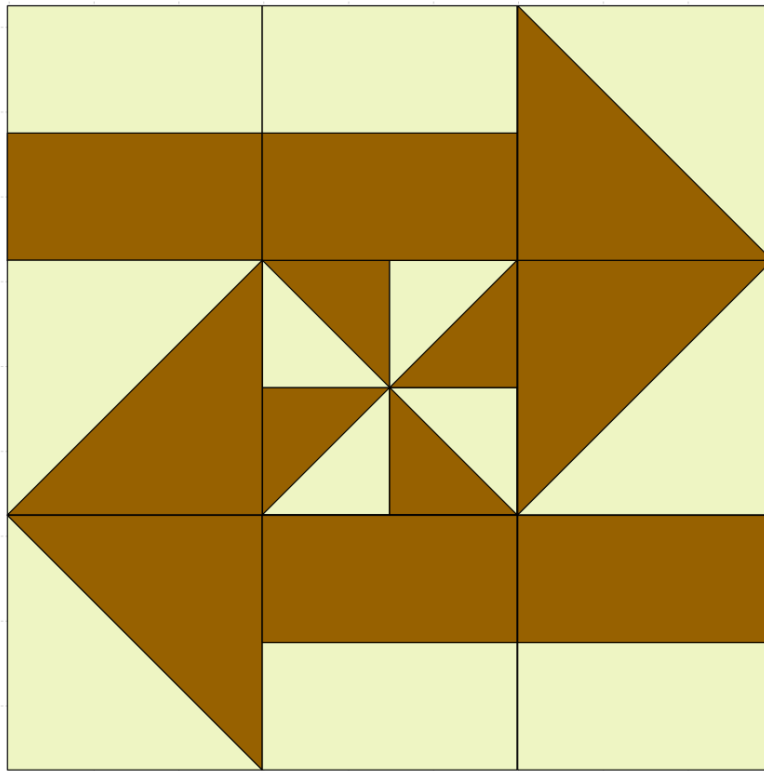


Your center block will not move. Arrange your blocks in the following manner. Make sure that the blocks with the rectangles will have the foreground fabric towards the center of the block and the background fabric towards the outside of the block.



NOTE: If you pressed your seams towards the darker fabric, you will need to take two of the rectangle blocks and re-press them with the seam going towards the background in order to get your seams to nest.

Sew your block with a standard $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. For the top and bottom row, press the seams out and the center row press the seams in. This will make it easier for you to nest the seams when joining rows.



Your completed block should now measure approximately $11 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $11 \frac{1}{2}$ "