

Pinwheel Star Quilt Block

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Today we're going to put together a traditional **Pinwheel Star Quilt Block**! It starts out with an on-point **pinwheel quilt block**, add some triangles and finish with Flying Geese units. It's lovely block - let's get started!



Fabric Requirements for a 12" Pinwheel Star Quilt Block:

- Light/White: 4 - 3.5" x 6.5" rectangles, and 4 - 3.5" squares
- Light Print: 2 - 3+7/8" squares, cut in half diagonally once for a total of 4 medium triangles
- Medium/Green: 1 - 4.25" square, cut in half diagonally twice for a total of 4 small triangles
- Medium/Blue: 8 - 3.5" squares
- Dark/Black Print: 1 - 4.25" square, cut in half diagonally twice for a total of 4 small triangles



Step 1: Pinwheel Center Unit

Sew together one of the Medium/Green small triangles and one of the Dark/Black Print small triangles along a short side as shown in the picture below.



Step 2:

Press the seam allowance toward the Dark/Black Print as shown below. **Repeat Steps 1 and 2 for a total of 4 units.**



Step 3:

Using the picture below as a reference, sew a Light Print medium triangle to the Step 2 unit along the long side.



Step 4:

And press the seam allowance toward the Light Print fabric as you can see in the picture below. **Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for a total of four units.** Trim each to 3.5" square.



Step 5:

Using the picture below as a reference, lay out the four Step 4 units and sew together in two rows (or columns as seen here).



Step 6:

Press the seam allowances in opposite directions as shown in the picture below so that the seams will nest nicely.



Step 7:

Sew the two rows (columns) together and you have the center pinwheel unit done!



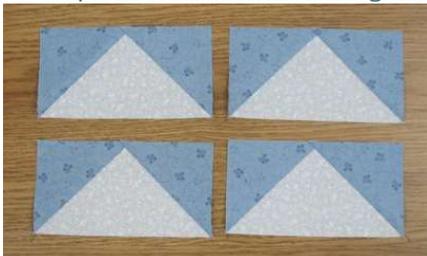
Step 8:

Press the seam allowance. In the picture below I've used the tweak/twirl/furl method but it's hard to see because I didn't trim up those units at the start!



Step 9: Flying Geese Units

Using the Light/White 3.5" x 6.5" rectangles and the Medium/Blue 3.5" squares, make four Flying Geese units as shown in the picture below. You can find my tutorial for making Flying Geese units at: <https://fabric406.com/blogs/fabric406-blog/how-to-sew-a-basic-flying-geese-block>



Step 10: Putting It All Together

Using the picture below as a reference, lay out the Pinwheel Center Unit, the four Flying Geese units, and the four Light/White 3.5" squares.



Step 11:

Sew the units together in three rows as shown in the picture below.



Step 12:

And press the seam allowances toward the Flying Geese units as you can see in the picture below.



Step 13:

Now you can sew the three rows together to complete the block!



Step 14:

Press the seam allowances away from the center as shown in the picture below. The **Pinwheel Star quilt block** should measure 12.5" square (12" finished).



In Conclusion:

I like the look of this **Pinwheel Star quilt block** - the on-point pinwheel in the center makes a nice focal point.