

Double Pinwheel Block - February 2015

For block of the month, make in pastel colors for a baby quilt. This is a fun block and has a lot of possibilities. There are many websites with directions, placement variations and measurements to make a variety of sizes.



(Note: you can cut the squares a little oversize and trim them down if you're nervous about cutting and/or sewing at $\frac{1}{4}$ "!))

You'll need:

Fabric A: (2) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Fabric B: (1) $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square

Fabric C: (1) $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square

1. Lay the Fabric A squares on top of each other and cut ONCE diagonally so you have 4 large triangles.
2. Lay the Fabric B square on top of the Fabric C square right sides together. Cut diagonally. DO NOT PICK UP. Cut diagonally in the other direction so you now have 8 small triangles. DO NOT PICK UP. Pin together each of the four paired pieces on the same 'short' triangle leg. (So that when you stack them they are all pinned on the same side.)
3. Chain piece all four pieces at $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press flat, then press the seams all in the same direction.
4. Place each sewn unit on top of one of the large triangles. Ends should line up.
5. Pin, stitch, press flat, press towards the large triangle. (These squares should measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ ")
6. Lay out as a pinwheel – note both the large triangle and the inner small triangle will make a pinwheel – hence the name – double pinwheel!
7. Sew the upper squares together at the center line. Press towards the large triangle.
8. Sew the lower squares together at the center line. Press towards the large triangle.
9. Sew the upper rectangle (from step 7) to the lower rectangle (from step 8). The center seams should nest together.
10. Press the center seam open. The finished block should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ "