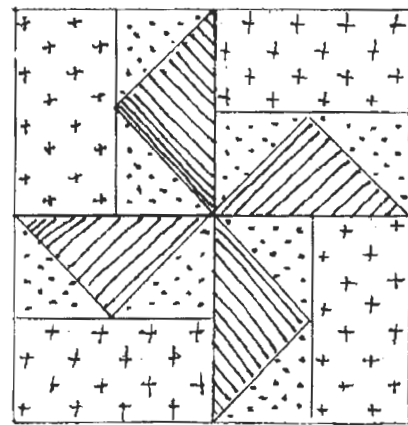


AMISH PINWHEEL

“For everything, turn, turn, turn,
There is a season, turn, turn, turn,
And a purpose for everything under heaven.”
(Popular song, source unknown)



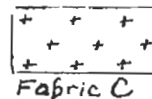
There are several Amish variations of the pinwheel block. This is a design from Roberta Horton’s and others’ books about the life and quilts of the various Amish communities. Look for her work in our guild library.

Amish colors are always solids. For this block, choose three solid colors. The three might be three shades of the same hue, or three different hues. The traditional protocol is first to choose colors from fabric on hand, be it scraps from garments and other projects or be it new fabric you already own. For new purchase, check out Kona Cottons. Of course, the folks at Back Porch and Hand Maden will gladly help you choose. A few (free) fabric pieces will be available at the BOM table. Remember, when mixing colors, that the Amish often put together colors you might not normally expect to see, with striking results. Think ‘liberated’ color choice.

Here are two ways to make the block: regular piecing and paper piecing. Paper piecing may be more precise, and can be much faster for making multiple blocks. How you make the block depends only on your expertise, preference, or desire to try something new.

REGULAR PIECING: 10.5" block (includes 1/4" seam allowance)

- Cut Fabric A - two 4.5" squares. Cut diagonally to make four triangles.
- Fabric B - four 3.25" squares. Cut diagonally to make eight triangles.
- Fabric C - four 5.5" by 3" rectangles.



Sew Attach one B triangle to the two short sides of each A triangle to make four flying goose blocks. Attach one flying goose unit to each rectangle, with the points toward the rectangles.

Assemble the four resulting squares with the geese flying counter clockwise as shown.

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PAPER PIECING: 10.5" block w/ 1/4" seam. (Template included on near page, or at BOM table at October meeting.)

Photocopy the template four times. With drawing side toward you, assemble on back of page the fabrics in order given. Trim to 5.5" square; join as shown with blocks pointing counter clockwise. Measured cutting is unnecessary; just make sure that each piece you add is large enough to allow for a generous seam allowance on the back. Don’t know how to paper piece? Ask. It’s a valuable technique to have in your skill repertoire. (If copyright clearance is granted, the December block will be paper pieced.)

Questions? Call Ann-Lining Smith at 831/662-1804.

October block

