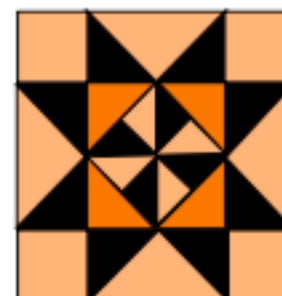


## Pinwheel Star

Block of the Month October, 2008



This Pinwheel Star pattern will make an unfinished 12-1/2" block, if sewn carefully with 1/4" seams. Be careful on the bias seams in order to avoid stretching and warping the shape and size of your pieces. In honor of the season, let's use a black print and two orange prints of somewhat different shades or prints. Have fun!

### Cut:

#### Orange #1 (Background):

Cut four 3-1/2" squares

Cut four rectangles 3-1/2"x 6-1/2"

Cut one rectangle 3"x 6"

#### Black

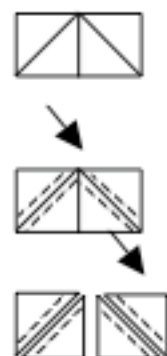
Cut eight 3-1/2" squares

Cut one 3"x 6" rectangle

#### Orange #2

Cut two 3-7/8" squares, cut diagonally to make four triangles

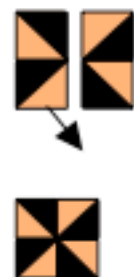
### Make half-square triangles units:



1) Place the two 3"x 6" rectangles (one black, and one orange #1) with right sides together, lightest of the two fabrics on top. Lightly draw a straight line 3" from the short edge dividing the rectangle in half and forming two squares, then draw two diagonal lines through the center of the two squares as shown. Sew carefully (no stretching!) 1/4" away from the diagonal line on both sides. Cut the rectangles apart on the drawn lines creating four half square triangle units. Press the seams to the darker fabric. The finished units (half-square triangles) should each measure 2-5/8."



### Make the center square:



2) Sew together two of the half-square triangle units as shown, and repeat for the other pair. Press the seams in opposite directions so they will 'nest' nicely. Next join the two sections to make a pinwheel, and press the seam open.

Then, to each side of the pinwheel, sew an orange #2 triangle. Press the seams outward.



### 3) Make flying geese:

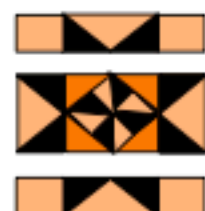
First, mark each black 3-1/2" square diagonally.



Then take one of the 3-1/2"x 6-1/2" rectangles of orange #1 fabric and place one of the 3-1/2" marked black squares on top of the rectangle with the marked diagonal line placed as shown, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line, being careful not to stretch the fabric at all. Trim 1/4" away from the sewn diagonal line as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the black side.



Next, use another marked 3-1/2" black square as shown, on the opposite end of the orange #1 rectangle; sew on the diagonal line (no stretching!). Trim 1/4" away from the sewn diagonal line as before. Press the seam allowance toward the black side. Repeat this step to make four such units, each measuring 3-1/2"x 6-1/2."



Assemble the rows as shown to complete your Pinwheel Star block.

