

Disappearing Pinwheel Block Tutorial

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Select two contrasting fabrics cut square to the same size.

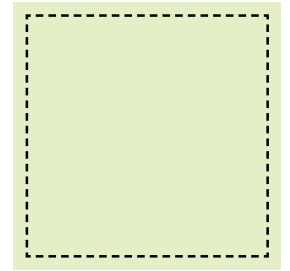
Suggestion – spray-starch both pieces. The cuts in the following steps will be on the bias and starch will help to stabilize the edges.

Note – 9.5 x 9.5 inch starting blocks will result in an 11 inch unfinished block.



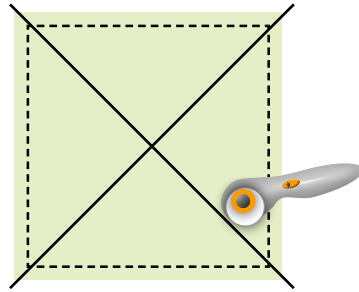
Sew the two pieces right sides together.

All seams sewn on this project have a quarter inch seam allowance.

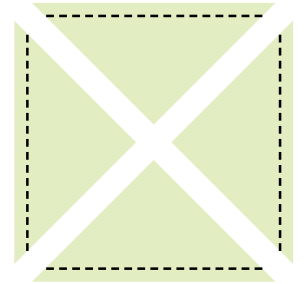


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Cut diagonally in both directions from corner to corner as indicated by the solid black lines, creating 4 separate sections.

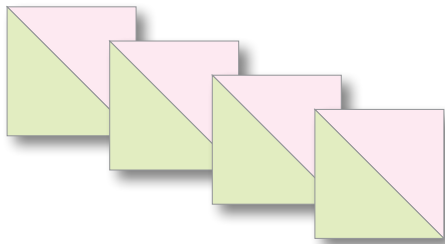


This will yield 4 half-square triangle (HST) sections.



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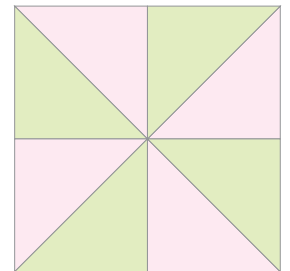
Press each HST open with seam allowances towards the darker fabric.



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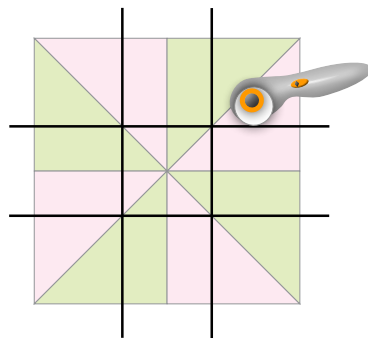
Sew the four pieces together in a pinwheel fashion to create a single block. Press.

Trim and square up the block, if necessary. The next step is easier if you square it to a size that is divisible by 3.



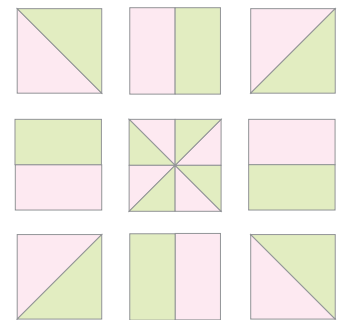
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Cut the block into exact thirds, both horizontally and vertically as indicated by the solid black lines.



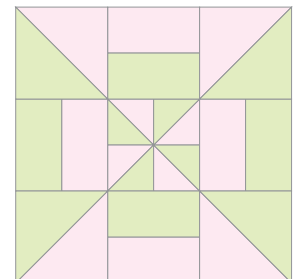
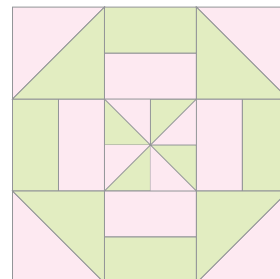
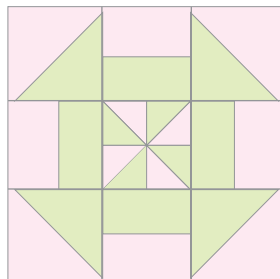
This will result in nine smaller pieces.

Press each piece open (seam allowances towards the darker fabric).



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Rearrange the resulting pieces to create a block pattern of your choice. Sew them together to create a finished block. Press. Trim to re-square your block.



Tutorial illustrated by Susan Joy Noyes, ShowcaseQuilting.com

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Part 1 ~ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rgQd6asPQs>

Part 2 ~ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZUXNMpKF74>

Disappearing Pinwheel Layout Samples

