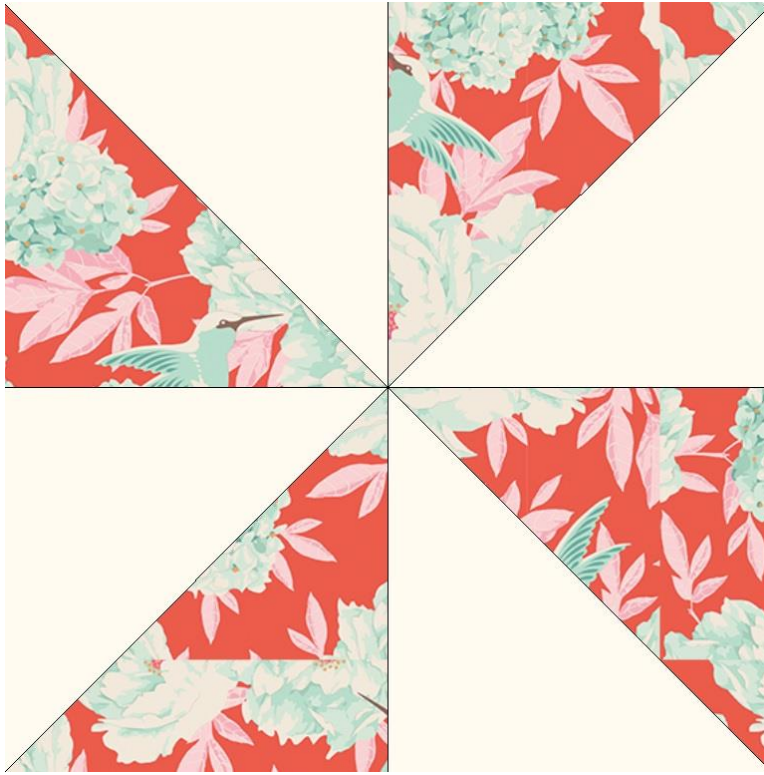


The Beginnings QAL



Block 2 the Pinwheel (8" Finished)

For One Block

Cut:

2 – 5" squares of Focus Fabric

2 – 5" squares of background fabric

Instructions:

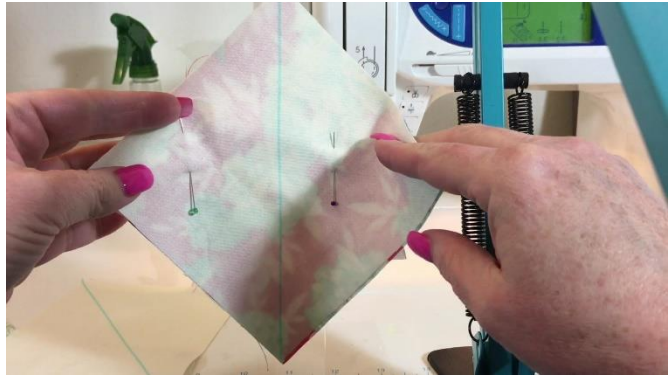
1. Mark the back of each of your background squares with a diagonal line from corner to corner.



2. Place one focus fabric square right side together with one background square matching all the edges.



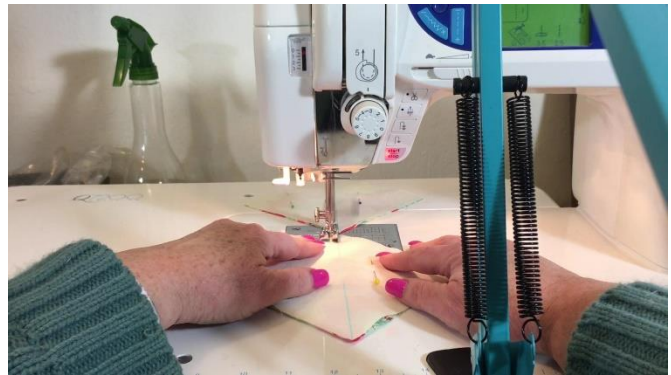
3. Pin on either side of the diagonal line far enough away to allow the presser foot to pass down either side of the line. This is just to keep the fabrics from shifting.



4. Using your $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the diagonal line on the left. If you have a foot with an edge for the $\frac{1}{4}$ " you might want to adjust your presser foot pressure so that it is lighter. This will keep your foot from making your fabric shift.



5. Go ahead and chain piece the second set of squares by repeating step 3 and 4.

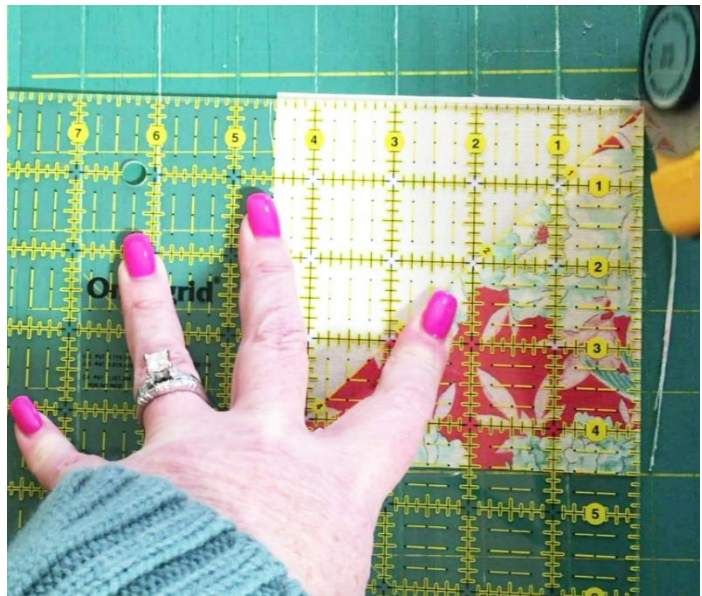


6. Turn the blocks around and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on the opposite side of each of the diagonal lines.



7. Cut apart each square at the diagonal line. And press to the dark side

8. Square up each block to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



9. Lay out the blocks so that they form a pinwheel.



10. Turn the top right block so that it is right side together with the left top. Nestle the seams and pin close to the end. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Repeat with the bottom row. Press toward the dark side. This will make one row pressed to the left and one pressed to the right allowing you to nestle your last seam.



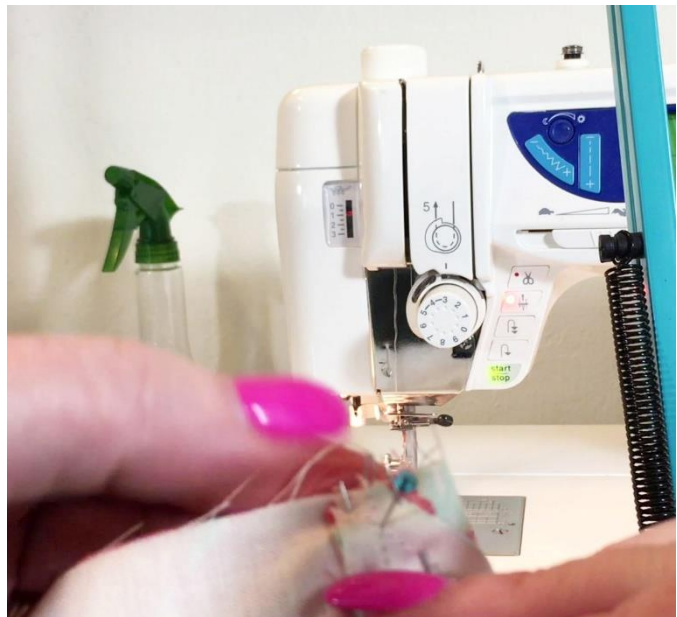
11. Put the two rows right sides together and nestle the center seam. Look at each side and find the one where you can see the three seams come together in a point. Put a pin through the point from the wrong side.



12. Put the point of the pin through the point on the right side of the other row.



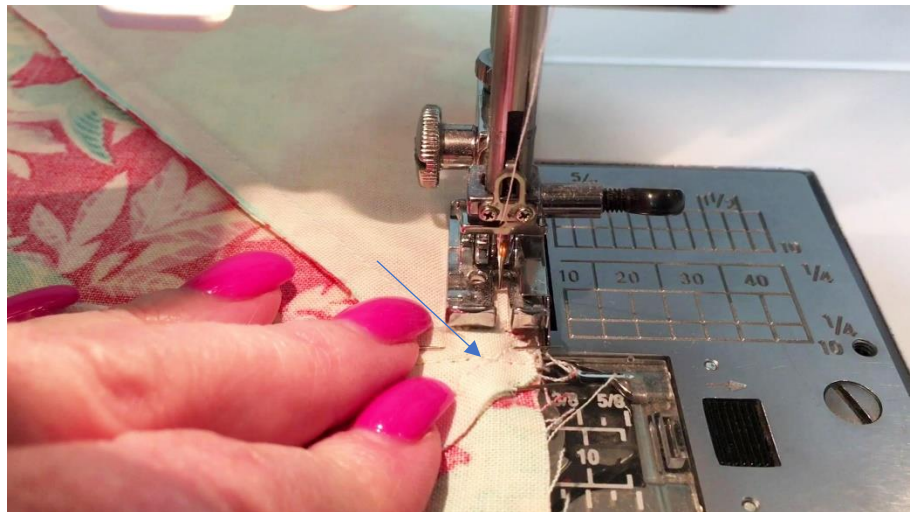
13. With the pin straight through both rows nestle the seams and pin on each side of the center seam. Make sure that the pin stays standing up straight to keep those points together.



14. Remove the pin in the center after you have a pin on each side of the seam.



15. Put a pin in the end of the where your seam will be as always to keep things from shifting. Start your seam. When you get to about an inch from the center of the block where your points are going to match up slow down. You want your seam to go right where those three seams make a point where you had your center pin. Be very slow and careful there. I used grey thread so you can see better.



16. Open and have a look... if the points aren't perfect pick out the seam and try again. You only need to pick out a few stitches right in the middle to fix it.



17. This is optional but I personally like to do it to make my block nice and flat. Before you press the final time. Pick out the 3 or so stitches in the center that hold the two seams together. Right there where my fingernail is pointing.



18. Press the seams toward the dark sides which will make them go opposite each other. It will make your block flatter (no big lump in the center) and it makes a cute little pinwheel in the center 😊 The block should be 8 ½" unfinished.

