



# 2020 First Saturday Sampler Block of the Month

## Grateful

A quilt by  
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Month Three - Pinwheel blocks

### Important information:

Each month a section of the pattern will be presented. Some months you will make pieces that will be set aside for future use. Sew seams with right sides together, using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. "HST" stands for Half Square Triangle.

We will be demonstrating and using Bloc Loc rulers for trimming and squaring up your blocks. Each set of cutting directions will include cut sizes for using Bloc Loc rulers AND traditional piecing.

Cutting directions for Bloc Loc rulers will be in RED.

Cutting directions for traditional piecing will be in BLUE.

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**If you are making the throw size, you will have options regarding how many pinwheels you make. There are more design opportunities on the throw size because you will NOT be making the large corner stars.**

### Cutting instructions for the King or Queen:

You will need 28 pinwheels

Background -

(56) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" sq's or 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" sq's

Medium or dark fabric -

(56) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" sq's or 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" sq's

### Cutting instructions for the Throw:

You will need between 12 & 20 Pinwheels (see reverse)

Background -

For 12: (24) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" sq's or 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" sq's

For 20: (40) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" sq's or 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" sq's

Medium or dark fabric -

For 12: (24) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" sq's or 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" sq's

For 20: (40) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" sq's or 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" sq's

Match up the pairs of squares, light and dark and Draw a diagonal line on the back of the light squares. Sew 1/4" on each side of the diagonal line and then Cut apart on the drawn line as shown. Each pair will Result in two Half Square Triangles.



Press seam allowance toward the darker fabric.

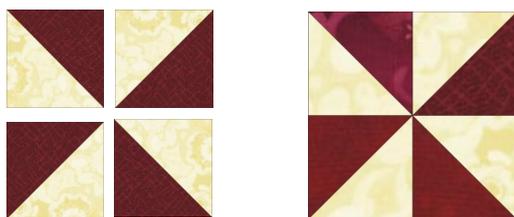
Square up each HST to 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" square.

For the King/Queen you will have 112 Half Square Triangles

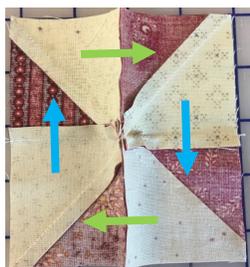
For the Throw you will have either 48 or 80 Half Square Triangles

For the pinwheels, you will need 4 half square triangles. Lay them out as shown. Sew two half square triangles together, then the other two. Press towards the darker color.

Nest your center seams together and sew the final seam.



In order to get your blocks to lay flat, it's a good idea to twist the center of the seam allowances to reduce bulk in the center of your block.



Center seam sewn, before pressing. You can see the two seams pressed towards the dark, (BLUE arrows). Those are the seams that tell you which way to twist your center. You want all of the seams on the back to go in the same direction, like a circle. In this case the seam allowances will go in the direction of the GREEN arrows.



Grasp the center seam very close to the edges of the seam allowances. Twist quickly and firmly in the direction of the green arrows.

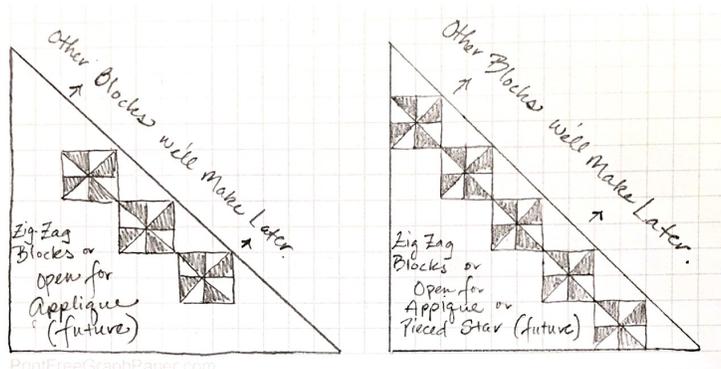
If it does not easily pop open, you may need to take out the last stitch with a seam ripper or stiletto and try again.



Press open the cute small pinwheel with your finger tips and then press your block.

You'll be amazed how much flatter your pinwheel blocks will lay! ☺

The corners of the throw quilt will have more design opportunities on the throw size because you will not be making the large corner stars. Two of the possible options are shown below, but please feel free to be creative.



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helps you fall  
In love  
with the life  
you already have

