Beyond Scrappy June Block of the Month

Twisted Pinwheel

For this month's block you will need:

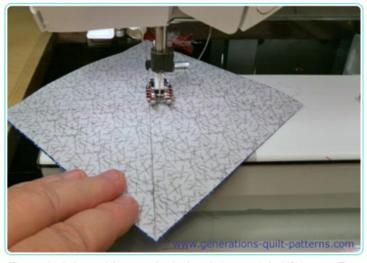
- From black fabric: Four (4) 3 ½ inch squares
- From white fabric: Four (4) 3 ½ inch squares
- For half square triangles (HST) you will need 8 ½ inch white square AND 8 ½ inch lime square.
- Cutting directions are in the chart below. We used the 12" since this is a 12 inch finished block. The fabric in your kit includes ample fabric.

| | | | Finished Block Size | | |
|---|--------|-----|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Patch | Fabric | Qty | 6" | 8" | 12" |
| 1* | Light | 1 | 51/4" x 51/4" | 61/4" x 61/4" | 81/4" x 81/4" |
| 2* | Medium | 1 | 5¼" x 5¼" | 61/4" x 61/4" | 81/4" x 81/4" |
| 3 | Light | 4 | 2" x 2" | 2½" x 2½" | 3½" x 3½" |
| 4 | Dark | 4 | 2" x 2" | 2½" x 2½" | 3½" x 3½" |
| Unfinished Block Size | | | 61/2" | 81/2" | 121/2" |
| Grid Size | | | 11/2" | 2" | 3" |
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I cut my 3 ½ inch white and black squares and set those aside. You'll use those for the final construction of the block.

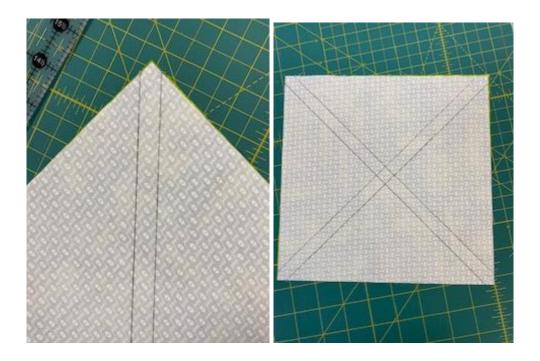
To make the 8 HSTs that you need, I used the quick 8 method to make these.

On the back of the 8 ¼ inch white square, draw a line from corner to corner. You will do the same to the opposing corners. You should have a drawn X. Layer the white and lime 8 ¼ inch squares right sides together. Pin if you wish. Stitch ¼ inch away from each side of the drawn line.



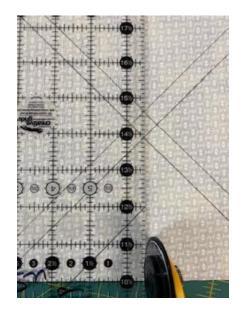
The marked diagonal lines need to be just dark enough for YOU to see. They appear a bit light in the photo, but were easy to see while I was stitching.

Alternate method (and my preferred): On the back of the white fabric, place the edge of your ruler ¼ inch away from each corner. Draw those lines from each corner. Rotate your fabric and do the same to the other side. You should have two lines from each corner, ¼ inch from the corners. Stitch just inside those drawn lines.

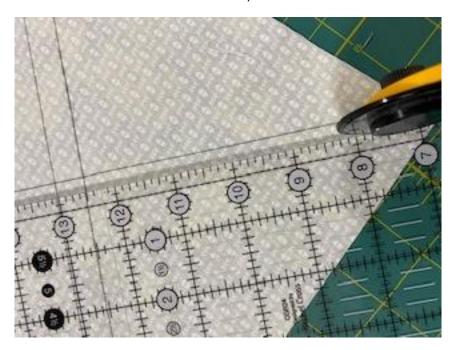


Cutting the Magic 8 HSTs apart:

With all seams sewn, make one cut vertically making sure you cut square through the center through the intersection. Rotate the block and make the second cut as the first, through the intersection again.

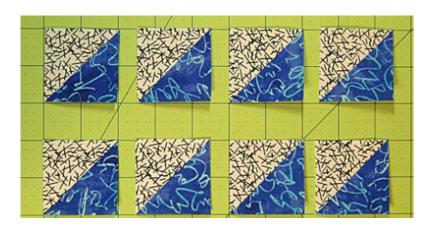


Once you've cut through both intersections, vertically and horizontally, you will cut between the stitched lines. You will then have 8 HSTs of lime and white. Press the seams to one side, either the lime or white.



Trim each lime/white HST to 3 ½ inches.

| HST Dimensions | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Finished Block Size | Center/Midpoint Measurement | Trim HST to | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 12" | 41/8" | 31/2" | | | |



Layout your pieces with the black and white squares you cut earlier. Stitch together as shown below, keeping a ¼ inch seam throughout.

A suggested method of joining pieces together:

