

Block of the Month, January 2021

Reminder: Sewn blocks should MEASURE $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square to finish to 12".

This is the last time we will give you two blocks. The rest of the months will be one block.

Block 1: Cypress (nine patch)

This is a three-color block.

Cutting Instructions:

Background:

One $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares (for half-square triangles)

Eight $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (for flying geese)

Color 1 (dark):

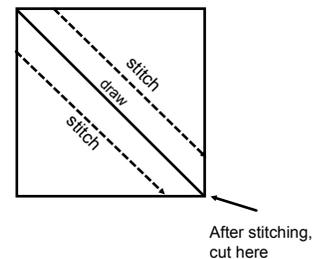
Four $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles (for flying geese)

Color 2 (light):

Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares (for half-square triangles)

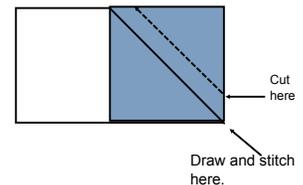
Half Square triangle units: The SEWN size is $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of the squares. Place one background square and one colored square right sides together. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the square. Cut on the drawn line and press. You will have two half-square triangle units of the desired size. Repeat for the other pair of squares. You will have four half-square triangle units measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

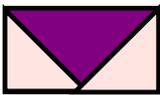


Flying Geese units: The SEWN size should be $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle.

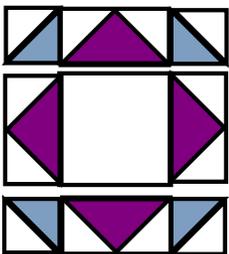
On the back of each colored square, draw a diagonal line. Lay one square on the corner of a rectangle, and stitch on the drawn line. Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from this line as shown. Press open. Then repeat with the other square at the other side of the rectangle. (The picture only shows one of the sides.) Repeat three more times for a total of four flying geese units.



The finished unit will look like this:



Assemble the block in three rows:



NOTE: The background on this block is the purple, the dark color is light blue, and the light color is orange.



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Block 2: Pinwheel Star (sixteen patch)

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Cutting instructions:

Background:

Four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Four $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles (for flying geese)

Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares (for half-square triangles)

Color 1 (dark):

Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares (for half-square triangles)

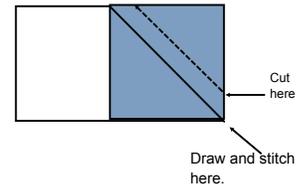
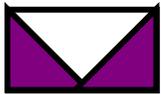
Color 2 (light):

Eight $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (for flying geese)

Flying Geese units: The SEWN size should be $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle.

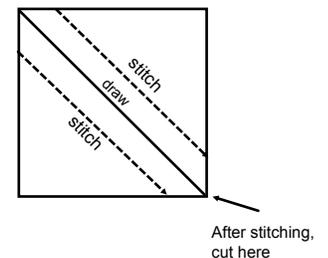
On the back of each colored square, draw a diagonal line. Lay one square on the corner of a rectangle, and stitch on the drawn line. Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from this line as shown. Press open. Then repeat with the other square at the other side of the rectangle. (The picture only shows one of the sides.) Repeat three more times for a total of four flying geese units.

The finished unit will look like this:

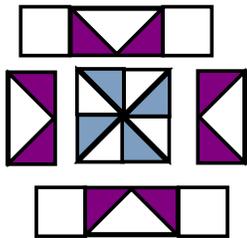


Half Square triangle units: The SEWN size is $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

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Assemble the pinwheel in the center first. Then assemble the block in three rows.



NOTE: The background on this block is the purple, the dark (pinwheel) color is light blue, and the light color (flying geese) is orange.

