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# Fireworks Finale

Sew Along

*Month 2 - Pinwheel Party*



# MONTH 2 - PINWHEEL PARTY

Dear Quilter,

It's time to add some motion! In month two, we're making Pinwheel Party blocks. These playful pinwheels bring energy and movement to your quilt, like fireworks spinning across the night sky.

## 1 gather

Gather the following pieces set aside for Month 2.

- ☐ (8) 5" Fabric I (medium blue) squares
- ☐ (8) 5" background squares
- ☐ (20) 4½" background squares
- ☐ (4) 4¼" Fabric B (bright red) squares
- ☐ (8) 4¼" Fabric E (white) squares
- ☐ (8) 4¼" Fabric F (white) squares
- ☐ (8) 4¼" Fabric J (medium blue) squares
- ☐ (16) 4¼" Fabric K (dark blue) squares
- ☐ (44) 4¼" background squares
- ☐ (4) 2½" x 5½" background rectangles
- ☐ (24) 2½" x 4½" background rectangles
- ☐ (4) 1½" x 12½" background rectangles

**Optional:** Pull out the Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmers if you are using them for this quilt.

## 2 make the half-square triangles

Layer each 5" Fabric I square atop a 5" background square, right sides facing. Sew around the perimeter of each pair. **2A**

Cut the sewn squares twice diagonally. If you are using the slotted trimmer, trim each unit to 3" using trimmer B, then press open—or press, then square to 3" if you're not using the trimmer. Each set of sewn squares will yield 4 half-square triangles. **Make 32** large half-square triangles. **2B 2C**

Layer each 4¼" Fabric B, E, F, J and K square atop a 4¼" background square, right sides facing. Sew around the perimeter of each pair. **2D**

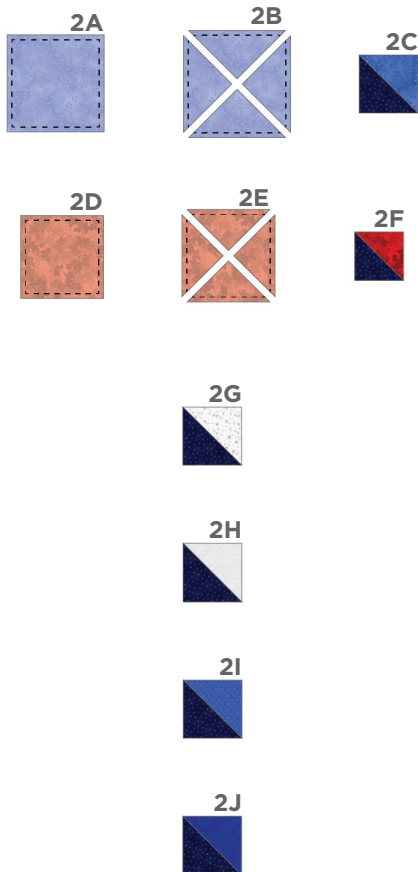
Cut the sewn squares twice diagonally. If you are using the slotted trimmer, trim each unit to 2½" using Trimmer A, then press open—or press, then square to 2½" if you're not using the trimmer. Each set of sewn squares will yield 4 half-square triangles.

**Make 176** small half-square triangles. Keep these organized in 44 sets of 4 matching units.

**Note:** If you are making a scrappy version, the half-square triangles do not need to stay organized in sets. **2E 2F**

There should be the following number of sets of 4 matching small half-square triangles: 4 sets Fabric B; 16 sets of Fabric K; and 8 sets each of Fabrics E, F, and J. If you are mixing and matching fabrics in a scrappy version of this quilt, that's 16 bright red, 64 white, 32 medium blue, and 64 dark blue small half-square triangles.

**2F 2G 2H 2I 2J**



### 3 make the pinwheels

Arrange 4 large half-square triangles in 2 rows of 2 as shown. Sew the units together in rows. Press the seams of each row in opposite directions. Nest the seams and sew the rows together. Press the seams open. **Make 8** large pinwheels. **3A 3B**

**Block Size:** 5½" unfinished,  
5" finished

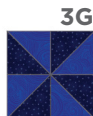
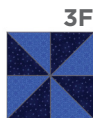
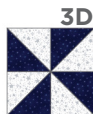
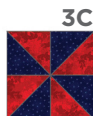
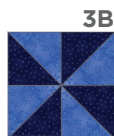
Arrange 1 set of 4 matching small half-square triangles in 2 rows of 2. Sew and press as before.

**Make 44** small pinwheels.

**3C 3D 3E 3F 3G**

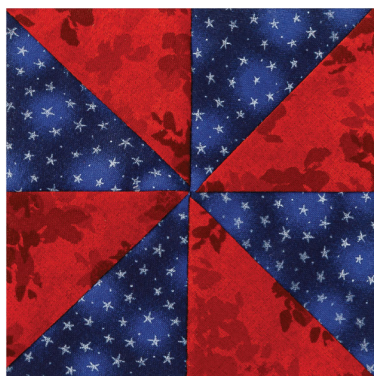
If you are making a scrappy quilt, feel free to mix and match the half-square triangles in each pinwheel. Our scrappy quilt includes 4 bright red, 16 white, 8 medium blue, and 16 dark blue small pinwheels.

**Block Size:** 4½" unfinished,  
4" finished





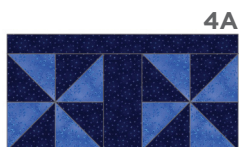
Large Pinwheel



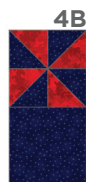
Small Pinwheels

## 4 assemble the units

Sew a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangle between 2 large pinwheels. Press toward the rectangle. Sew a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangle to the top of the unit. Press toward the rectangle. **Make 4** large pinwheel units. These will be needed in Month 3. **4A**



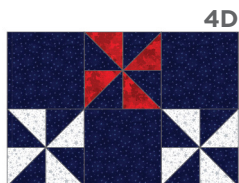
Sew a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background square to the bottom of a Fabric B pinwheel. Press the seam toward the square. **Make 4** Fabric B pinwheel units. **4B**



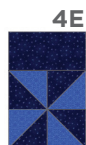
Sew a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background square to the top of a small Fabric E pinwheel. Press the seam toward the square. **Make 8** Fabric E pinwheel units. **4C**



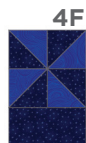
Sew a Fabric B pinwheel unit between 2 Fabric E pinwheel units. Press the seams toward the center. **Make 4** Fabric B/E pinwheel units. These will be needed in Month 3. **4D**



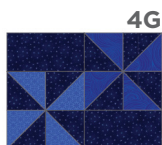
Sew a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangle to the top of a small Fabric J pinwheel. Press the seam toward the rectangle. **Make 8** Fabric J pinwheel units. **4E**



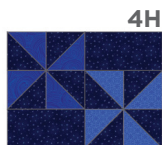
Sew a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangle to the bottom of a small Fabric K pinwheel. Press the seam toward the rectangle. **Make 8** Fabric K pinwheel units. **4F**



Sew a Fabric J pinwheel unit to the left of a Fabric K pinwheel unit. Press the seam toward the right. **Make 4** Fabric J/K pinwheel units. These will be needed in Month 4. **4G**

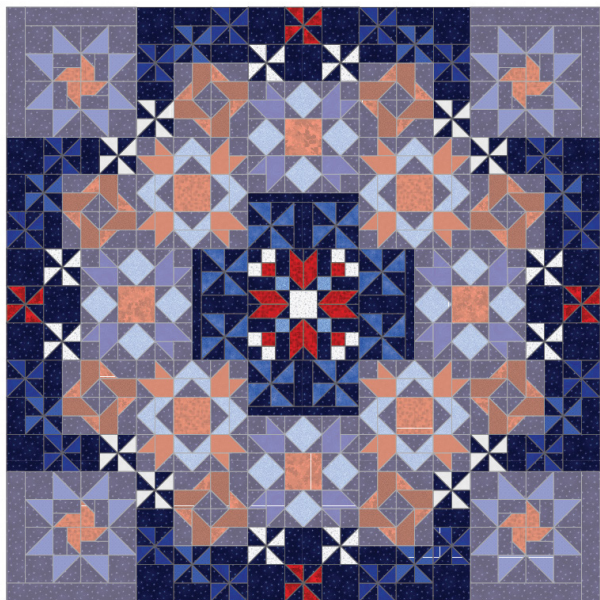


Sew a Fabric K pinwheel unit to the left of a Fabric J pinwheel unit. Press the seam toward the left. **Make 4** Fabric K/J pinwheel units. These will be needed in Month 4. **4H**

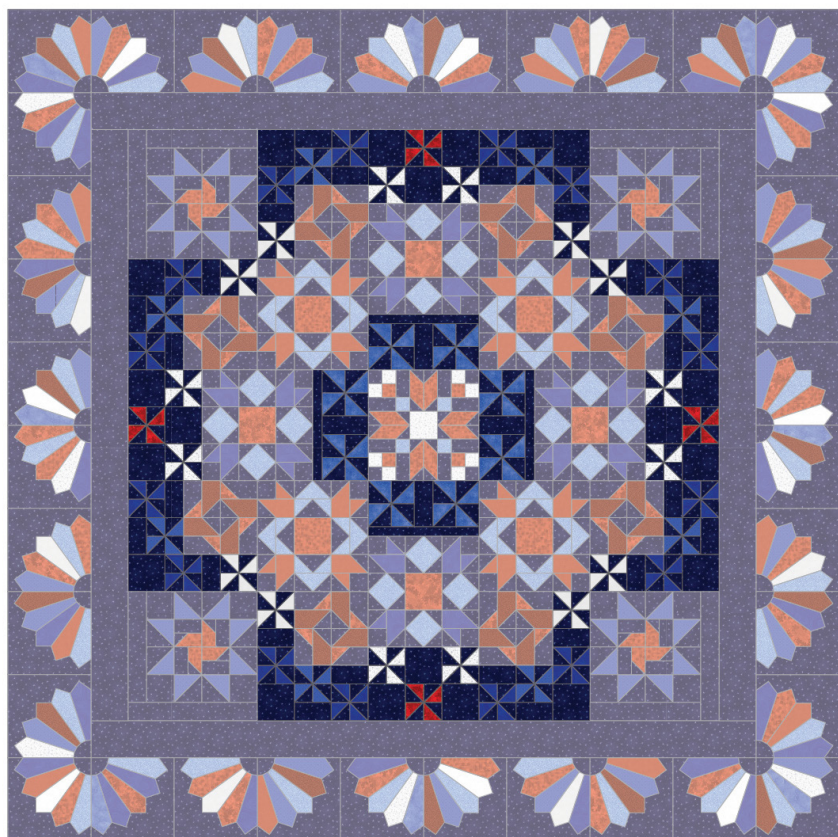


Sew a small Fabric F pinwheel, a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangle, a small Fabric K pinwheel, and a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background square in a row as shown. Press the seams toward the background pieces. **Make 8** small Fabric F/K pinwheel units. These will be needed in Month 4.





Throw-Size Quilt



Queen-Size Quilt

## additional resources

visit our online store:  
contact us via email:  
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check out our video tutorials:

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# Construction Basics

## general quilting

- All seams are  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless directions specify differently.
- Cutting instructions are given at the point when cutting is required.
- Precuts are not prewashed, therefore do not prewash other fabrics in the project.
- All strips are cut across the width of the fabric.
- Remove all selvages.
- The finished size refers to the size of a block or quilt without seam allowances included in the measurement.
- The unfinished size refers to the size of a block or quilt with the raw edges included in the measurement.

## press seams

- Use a steam iron on the cotton setting.
- Press the seam just as it was sewn, right sides together. This "sets" the seam.
- With dark fabric on top, lift the dark fabric and press back.
- The seam allowance is pressed toward the dark side. Some patterns may direct otherwise for certain situations.
- Press toward borders.

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## Pinwheel Party

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### SAMPLE QUILT

I've Got Hue by Henry Glass

### BLOCK SIZES

Large: 5½" unfinished, 5" finished

Small: 4½" unfinished, 4" finished

## Materials\*

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(medium blue) squares

(8) 5" background squares

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(4) 4¼" Fabric B

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(medium blue) squares

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(4) 2½" x 5½" background  
rectangles

(24) 2½" x 4½" background  
rectangles

(4) 1½" x 12½" background  
rectangles

Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmers  
A & B - optional



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*\*The cutting instructions can  
be found in the Getting  
Started Guide.*

## Resources

For all things Missouri Star  
Fireworks Finale Sew Along  
(tutorials, hints, and more):

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