

BCQG Block Party

Disappearing Pinwheel

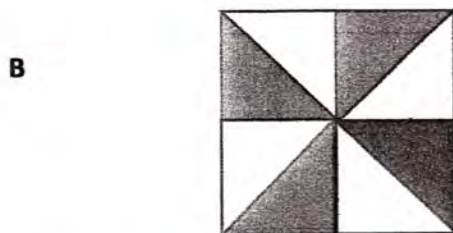
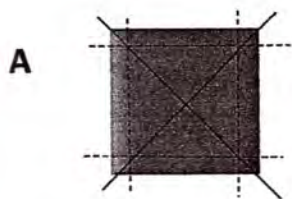
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For each block, you will need a 10" square of a printed color and a 10" square of a background. I just cut squares out of my stash, but you can certainly use a layer cake and add background fabric.

First make a pinwheel by taking a 10" printed color square and a 10" background square. With right sides together, sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam all the way round. Cut diagonally twice. (A)

Press each (4) half square triangles open. Be careful as edges will now be on the bias.

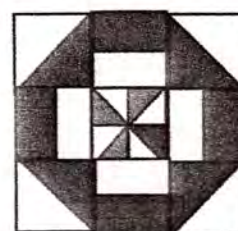
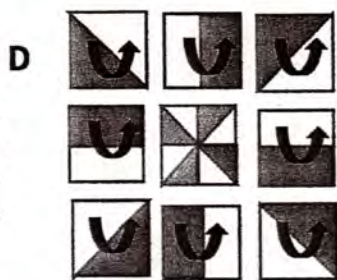
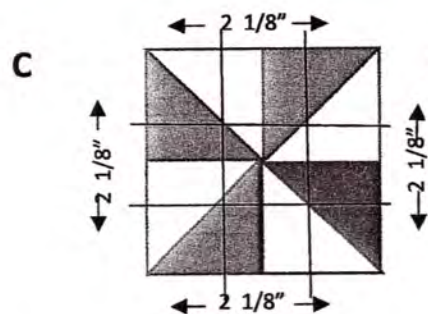
Arrange the four half square triangles in a pinwheel shape and sew together, being careful that your pinwheels are all going in the same direction. (B) I pressed my seams open to reduce bulk.



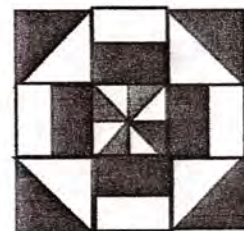
Now for the disappearing act.

Take your pinwheel, measuring $2\frac{1}{8}$ " out from the right of the center seam and cut. Turning your block, do the same on all four sides. (C) A rotating mat is very helpful here.

You will now have nine blocks. Using the diagram below, rotate each outer block counter clockwise, leaving the center block as is. (D) This will give you a circle effect with your printed fabric. For a little variation try rotating the blocks the opposite direction (clockwise) to make the background be the circle effect.



Option 1



Option 2

Please note: all instructions are for starting out with a 10"x10" square. This block can be made with any size square by simply dividing your pinwheel block by 3, then divide that number by 2. The result is the distance from the center seam. Example: If your pinwheel block ended up being $10\frac{1}{2}$ " you would take - $10.5 \div 3 = 3.5 \div 2 = 1.75$ — You would cut $1\frac{3}{4}$ " from the center seam.



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