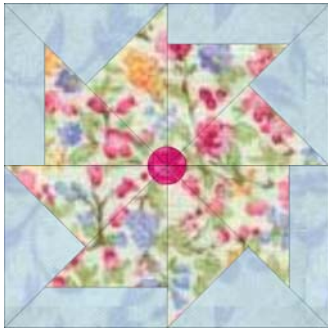


**Southern Comforters
Block of the Month
January 2009
Floral Pinwheel**



No points to match, but possibly a new technique to try with this one. Create a 12½" block with a PALE BLUE background (solid or tone on tone) and a pinwheel flower in a FLORAL fabric. Cover the center with a COORDINATING appliquéd scrap, a large button, or other embellishment.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

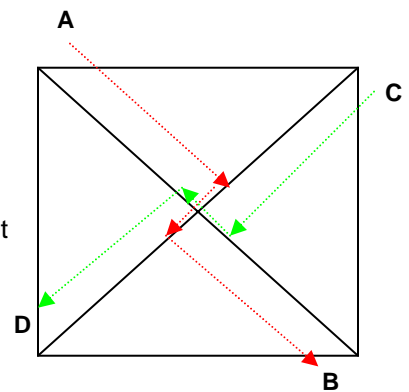
Background (PALE BLUE) – one 7 1/4" square
one 2 3/8" x 30" strip

Pinwheel (FLORAL) – one 7 1/4" square
one 5" x 30" strip

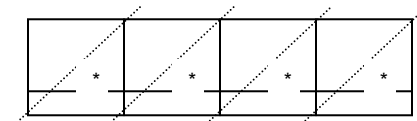
Center (COORDINATING) – scrap that will finish to 1 1/2" when appliquéd or fused

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

- Place the two 7 1/4" squares right sides together with the PALE BLUE on top. Draw intersecting diagonal lines between corners (solid lines on diagram).
- Make the squares in step 1 into 4 quarter-square triangles with the background on the same side. Here's how: Sew 1/4" to the right of one of the drawn lines half way ONLY. Pivot left at the drawn line, sew for 1/2" along the drawn line, and pivot right and sew to the opposing corner 1/4" to the left of the drawn line (Red A-B on the diagram). Rotate and repeat (Green C-D on the diagram). Cut on the drawn lines, press toward the floral. (Alternately, you can cut the two pieces apart on the drawn lines and then sew together the triangles. Be gentle, since they are bias cuts, and make sure you place the PALE BLUE on the left.)



- Sew the PALE BLUE 2 3/8" strip lengthwise to the 5" FLORAL strip. Press toward the FLORAL strip. Cut four 6 7/8" sections.
- Arrange the 6 7/8" sections with the PALE BLUE on the bottom. Cut on diagonal from lower left to upper right. Retain the pieces on the right (starred).



- Arrange triangles in a pinwheel. Sew each pair of triangles together to form four squares. Sew squares together.
- Cover center with COORDINATING circle with a 1 1/2" diameter finished. Use your preferred method – fused, needle turn, raw-edge appliqué, or other embellishment. Use the template below.
- Measure to make sure your block is at least 12½" square, but leave the trimming to the winner of the block. Please sign it!

