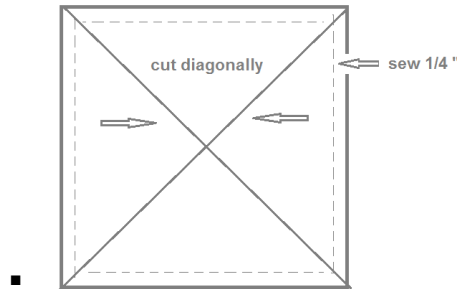


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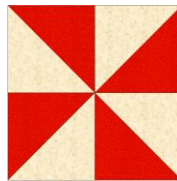
RED AND CREAM DISAPPEARING PINWHEEL 11”

Your packet has 1 red and 1 cream 10” square. Both fabrics have been washed and starched. Please do not use steam or sizing when pressing to avoid distortion.

- Place the two squares right sides together, using a couple of pins to keep the squares from shifting, then sew $\frac{1}{4}$ ” around the perimeter of the square.
- Now carefully cut on both diagonals. You will now have 4 half-square triangle (HST) units.

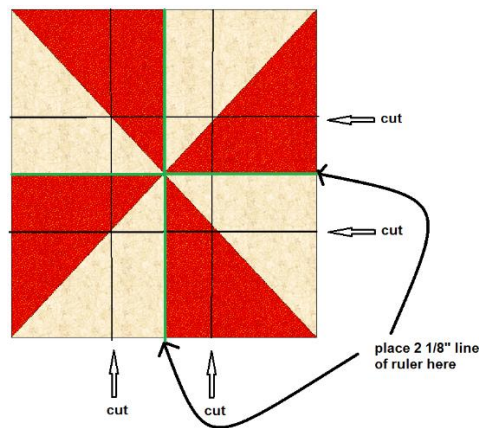


- Open each HST and press to the red (without steam). Note that the outside edges are on the bias so be careful not to stretch or distort the fabric.
- Sew the HST's together to make a pinwheel as shown, and clip the dog ears.

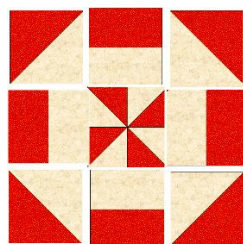


- Press all seams to the red by “spinning” the intersection where the blocks all meet (see link on page 2 to learn how to spin seams). Your pinwheel should measure approximately 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ ” square. If not, do not worry, just make sure it's square and lays flat.

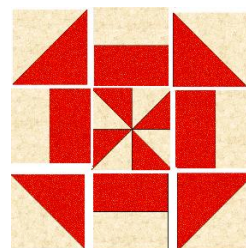
- Time to cut and make the pinwheel disappear. A rotating cutting mat or a smaller mat that you can easily turn would be helpful because you will be cutting the block and turning it 4 times.
- Place the **2 1/8" line** of a ruler on the center seam and cut. Give the block a quarter turn, making sure not to move the pieces, and cut the next side, then repeat 2 more times. You will now have 9 equally-sized pieces (approximately 4 1/2" square).



- Here's where the magic happens: turn the corners and side units so that the red (or cream) fabric faces out as indicated in the diagram(s) below. Do not turn the center unit.
- Please sew block that is circled:



OR



- Now sew the 9-patch units together. Press top and bottom rows inwards, away from corner triangles and center row outwards, away from the little pinwheel. Once the block is fully assembled, press seams in the same direction.

Your finished block will measure approximately 11.5".

For additional information on making Disappearing Pinwheel blocks, search on YouTube. Missouri Star Quilt Company has an excellent video.

For information on spinning seams, go to <https://www.cookingupquilts.com/how-to-spin-seams/> or Google "spin quilt seams".