

## APRIL 2022 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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This block, "State Fair", is a version of the Pinwheel, and very quick and easy to make. It looks beautiful in a quilt on a sky-blue background, (you can find the free pattern on the internet, although it has large 24" blocks). It is a great way to use up scraps. I have chosen to use a white background as it is easier than blue to blend with blocks from several quilters, and we will be making 12 1/2" blocks.



Cutting:

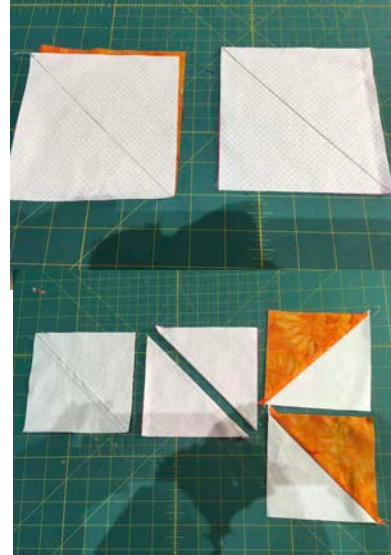
White Background (BG):      Four 4 1/2" squares  
   Six 3 1/2" squares  
   Eight 2 1/2" squares

From SIX brightly coloured fabrics:    One 3 1/2" square of each

Assembly:

**Half Square Triangles (HST's).** Take the six white background 3 1/2" squares and draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of each. Place one on each of your coloured 3 1/2" squares, right sides facing.

Sew a seam 1/4" each side of the diagonal line, cut along the line, and press open the resulting two HST's. Cut each to a 2 1/2" square. You will have 12 HST's.



**Next make the pinwheel centre square.** Lay out four HST's as shown and sew together.



**The next step is to make the corner squares** using the remaining HST's and the BG 2 1/2" squares.

**It is a good idea to lay them out with the pinwheel in the centre, to ensure the little flags are pointing in opposite directions. (As I discovered by trial and error!).**

Sew the corner squares together as in the layout.



Then you can **assemble the whole square** using the four 4 1/2" BG squares



You will have a 12 1/2" square.

