

Block of the Month By Valerie Towler,
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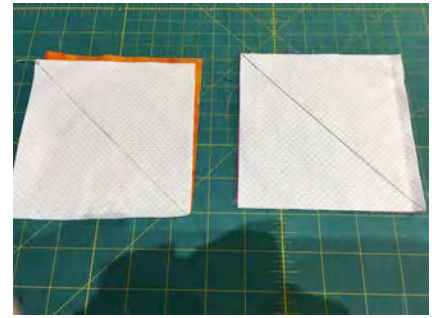
This block, "State Fair", is a version of the Pinwheel, and very quick and easy to make. It looks beautiful in a quilt on a sky-blue background, (you can find the free pattern on the internet, although it has large 24" blocks). It is a great way to use up scraps.

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.

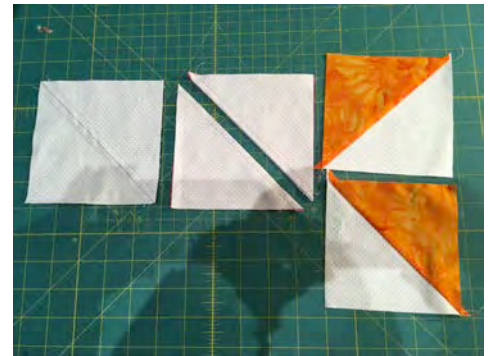
Cutting: White Background (BG): Four 4 1/2" squares Six 3 1/2" squares Eight 2 1/2" squares
From SIX brightly coloured fabrics: One 3 1/2" square of each



Assembly: Half Square Triangles (HST's). Take the six white background $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of each. Place one on each of your coloured $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, right sides facing. Sew a seam $\frac{1}{4}$ " each side of the diagonal line, cut along the line, and press open the resulting two HST's. Cut each to a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. You will have 12 HST's.



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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 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " 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.

