

3D Pinwheel Tutorial

Take two 5" squares; one will be the background (usually I choose for background the fabric with less busy print) and the other will be used for the pinwheel.



Cut the squares into four 2 1/2" squares. To speed up the cutting process, stack a few squares (4 or even 6).



Fold the pinwheel fabric squares in half diagonally as shown below and pin.



Place the folded piece onto the background square, keeping aligned all the edges. Insert the pin in the position shown below.



In the next step you have to bring the top corner of the folded piece to the bottom corner. You can pin in place but I prefer to do this on the bed of my sewing machine and keep the piece in place with my fingers then immediately sew.



Sew at 1/8" from the right and bottom edges, securing the two pieces together. Repeat with the other 3 sets and **follow the same sequence.**



You will sew the 4 squares together as shown below.



Place two squares right sides together, keeping aligned ALL the edges and sew at $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



Your pieces should look like this; do not press the seams at this stage.



Stitch the two halves together, nesting the seams.



Then press the seams as shown below, opening the bulky center.



Press on the right side as well.



The center will remain bulky, but that is not an inconvenient, if you will quilt as I will show below.



Aren't these assorted pieces wonderful?



The blocks measure 4 1/2".



The fabrics are from an old collection by Ellis and Higgs for Riley Blake.