

July 2026 Block of the Month – Paper Pinwheel

Paper Pinwheel is the winner for July's block of the month. Perfect for some summer fun at your sewing machine. Quickly put together even with half square triangles (HST). I make them larger and then trim down, less stress. Another time saver is the 6 1/2" center block which can be a focus fabric or an exchange block. High contrast fabrics will show off the pinwheels.

Cutting Guide for Paper Pinwheel block

Patch 1	Medium	2	4 1/4" x 4 1/4"
Patch 2	Light	2	4 1/4" x 4 1/4"
Patch 3	Medium	4	3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
Patch 4	Dark	4	3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
Patch 5	Light	1	6 1/2" x 6 1/2"

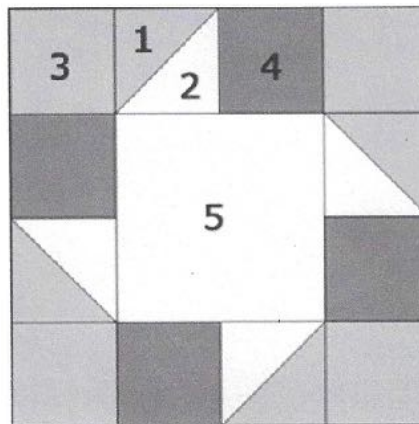
Sewing Guide for Paper Pinwheel Block

Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of the medium 4 1/4" squares (Patch 1). Layer a marked light square (Patch 2) atop Patch 1. Sew together with two seams, stitching 1/4" on each side of drawn line. Cut on drawn line. Press open to make two HSTs and trim to 3 1/2" squares including seam allowance. Arrange the HSTs and 3 1/2" squares and your 6 1/2" center square or exchange block following diagram below.

The completed block will measure 12 1/2" unfinished.



Original Block



Piecing Diagram



Exchange Block