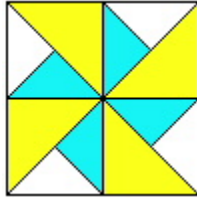


Block of the Month - July 2003

Double Pinwheel



Description:

This 12" Double Pinwheel Block is made using Paper-Piecing. This block may be pieced by traditional methods or by using Paper-Piecing. This pattern will describe how to do it in a paper-pieced manner. You will make the 4 sections to the block separately and then sew them together for the finished block.

Please read the detailed instructions on how to paper-piece found at one of the following links if you have never done in paper-piecing before.

<http://www.nmia.com/~mgdesign/qor/technique/pfp.htm>

<http://www.quilterscache.com/startquiltingthree.html>

Fabric Requirements for one block:

Yellow: Focus Print, one strip 16" long by 8" wide

Blue: Coordinate, one 8 1/2" square

White: Background, one 8 1/2" square

Cutting and Piecing:

1. From your main fabric cut 2 - 7 1/2" squares. Cut both squares in half
2. Cut the 8 1/2" squares of background and coordinating fabrics in half diagonally in both directions.
3. Start by pinning the wrong side of one of the background fabric triangles to the back side of one of the pattern copies so that it covers the section numbered '1' on the pattern. (The fabric should be on the side of the pattern without any printing.) Make sure that when you hold the pattern up to the light the "#1" section is totally covered and you have at least 1/4" extra fabric all the way around. Lay the right side of one of the coordinating fabric triangles face-down on top of the background fabric. When you hold it up to the light, the edge of both fabrics should extend at least 1/4" over all lines around section 1. Pin both pieces to the pattern and flip the whole thing over. Stitch through the paper and all layers of fabric on the line between the 1st and 2nd sections using a short stitch (18-20 stitches per inch). Do Not take the paper off yet.
4. Trim the seam allowance to a 1/4". Then press the coordinating fabric open. (**Remember** to not use steam or it will shrink and warp the paper.)
5. Take one of the focus fabric triangles and lay it right side down over the right sides of the two triangles you just sewed together. Pin together. Stitch on the line between the

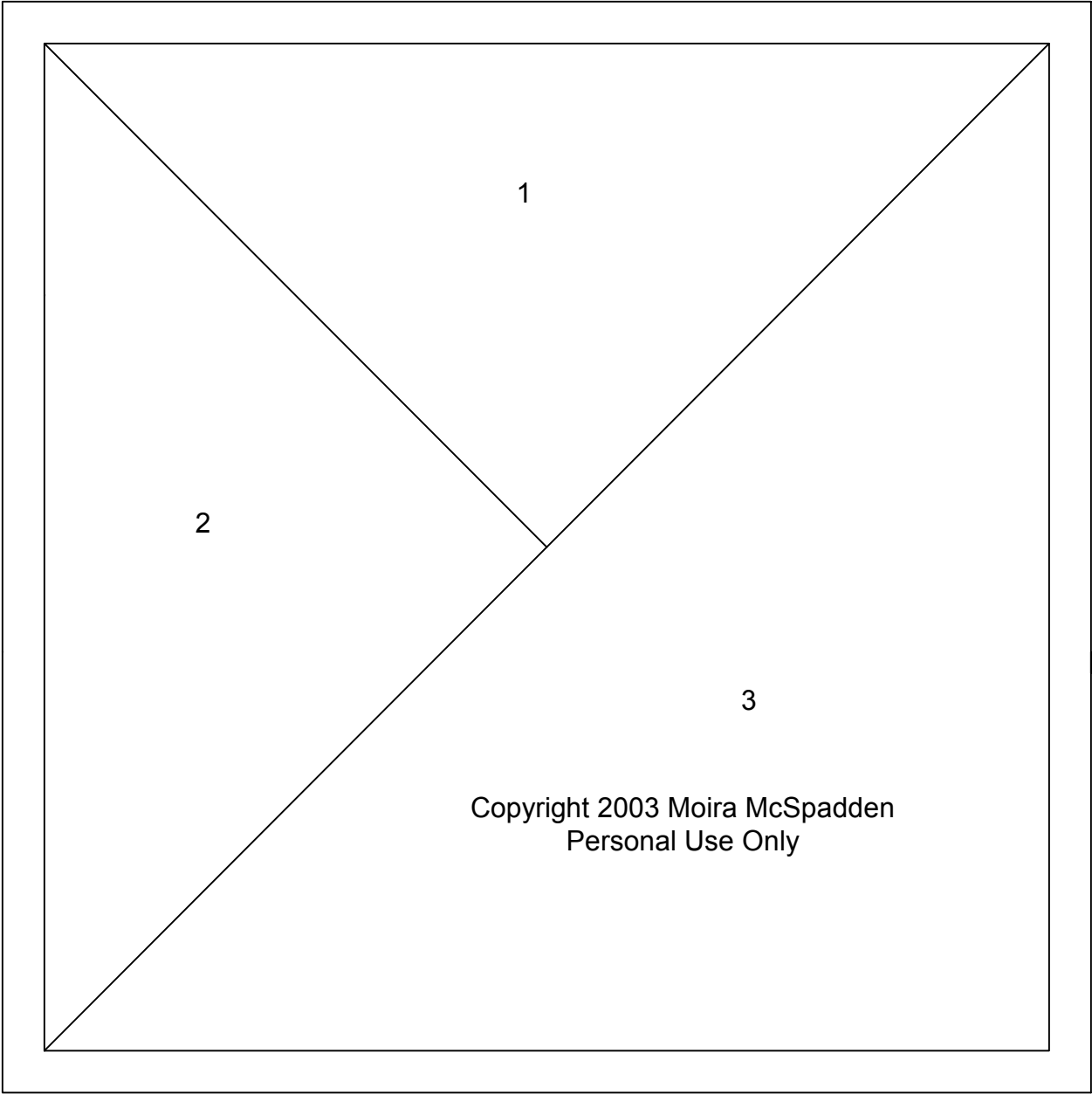
first two sections and section 3 like you did in step 3. Trim the seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press the last triangle open.

6. Trim the block to $6\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished by trimming on the outermost line on the pattern.
7. Repeat steps 3 through 6 for the remaining 3 sections to this block. **Note:** Remember to use the background and coordinating fabrics for the same section in all 4 block sections or your pinwheel will not work correctly.
8. Sew the 4 block sections together as shown above.
9. Carefully remove the paper from the back of your block by creasing the paper along the seam lines and tearing it away in reverse order.
Note: Be sure to use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when sewing the squares together.

Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

Piecing with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam

Paper-piecing



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