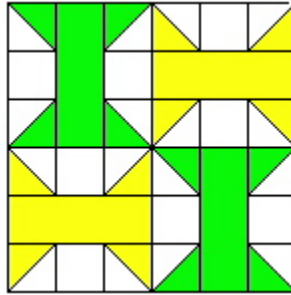


Bonus Block 1

Spools



Description:

The Spools Block is also sometimes called "Spinning Spools" because the four spools seem to spin around the center of the block. The half-square triangles in the block may be made by either the traditional method or by using Triangles on a Roll or Thangles.

Fabric Requirements for one block:

Yellow: Focus Fabric, one strip 19" long by 7" wide

Green: Coordinating Color, one strip 26" long by 7" wide (Note: If you wish to make the contrasting spools in two different colors then you will need a strip that is 13" long by 7" wide of both fabrics.)

White: Background Fabric: one strip 25" by 9" wide

Cutting:

If using Triangles On a Roll:

1. From your focus fabric - cut a 12" by 6" rectangle and 2 strips that are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " long.
2. From your coordinating fabric - cut a 12" by 6" rectangle and 2 strips that are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " long.
3. From your background fabric - cut 2 rectangles that are 12" long by 6" wide, and 8 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

If using Thangles:

1. From your focus fabric - Cut a strip that is $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by 18" long and 2 strips that are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " long.
2. From your coordinating fabric - Cut a strip that is $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by 18" long and 2 strips that are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " long.
3. From your background fabric - cut 2 strips that are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by 18" long and 8 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

If making the triangles by the traditional method:

1. From your focus fabric - cut 4 3" squares and 2 strips that are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " long.

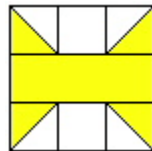
- From your coordinating fabric - cut 4 3" squares and 2 strips that are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " long.
- From your background fabric - cut 4 3" squares and 8 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Piecing:

- Sew the half-square triangles by whatever method you prefer.
- Sew the 2 half-square triangles blocks together with 1 square of the background fabric as shown in the picture below. These units will form the top and bottom row of the spool blocks. Press the seams toward the center background square in the middle of the row. Make four of these units from your focus fabric and four from your coordinating fabric.



- Sew one of the units made with your focus fabric in step 2 to either side of one of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles of your focus fabric as shown in the picture below. Press the seams to the middle so the block will lie flatter. Repeat this step for the remaining units made in step 2.



- Sew a focus fabric block and a coordinating fabric block together, remembering to alternate directions of the blocks. Any questions on the directions of the blocks, refer to the picture at the top of this page to double check the direction the blocks should be turned. Repeat for the remaining two blocks.
- Sew the two rows together, being sure to turn the seams joining the two sets of blocks in opposite directions so that the block will lay flatter.

Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

Scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams, Half-square triangle construction