

Whitlock's Weekly Whimsy

Week 29

Block 57

Cutting:

<i>Fabric</i>	<i>Measurements</i>
Color 2	4 @ 2 x 2 1 @ 3 ½ x 3 ½
Color 3	4 @ 2 x 3 ½
Color 8	2 @ 3 ½ x 3 ½
Color 12	2 @ 2 x 2 1 @ 3 ½ x 3 ½

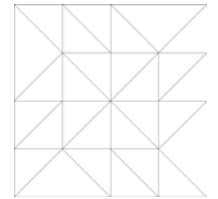
Techniques:

HST

Flying Geese

Block Breakdown:

This block is very much like last week's block 46. It has all the same units with a few position and color changes. If you look at the Geese units, you will notice that they are three colors instead of two and 'flying' into the block not out. So we will not be able to make them 4 at a time, we will need to use the stitch and flip method. Last week we made the HST 2 at a time, this week we will use the 4 at a time trick. I am opting for quadrants again to avoid the partial seam again.



Sewing:

Make your flying geese using the Stitch and Flip method. You will need to place your colors just like the diagram so that you will achieve the look we are going for. Press towards the sky units.



Next layer the 3 ½" squares RST into two sets. Color 2/Color 8 & Color 12/Color 8. Sew all the way around each square. Cut in half diagonally twice. Press towards color 2 and color 12. Trim to 2"



Sew these into pairs following the diagram. You will need 4. Press towards Color 12



Make four identical quadrants using the diagram for color placement. I found it easiest to use the glue pen when layering them so that I could make sure the point of the goose aligned with the seam. If you sew with the goose on the top you will be able to see the crossed stitching line and be able to 'hit' the top of the point exactly.



This is one of the few times that I press my seams open. You will notice that the point of the goose and the point of the HST all come together at the same place. This makes a very thick seam if they are all pressed to one side. By pressing them open you will distribute the bulk and have a flatter seam.



This also means that the center seam will not nest when you sew the quadrants together. Take the time to use your glue pen to get the perfect points. You will have a nesting seam at the center, so watch that so your pinwheel will be perfect.

