

Disappearing Pinwheel/Hourglass Tutorial

To make 1 block you will need:

- FOR SCRAPPY CHARM VERSION:
 - 9 - 5" charm squares
 - 1 - approximately 13" square of background
- FOR A TWO COLOR VERSION:
 - 1 square of main color fabric
 - 1 square of background fabric

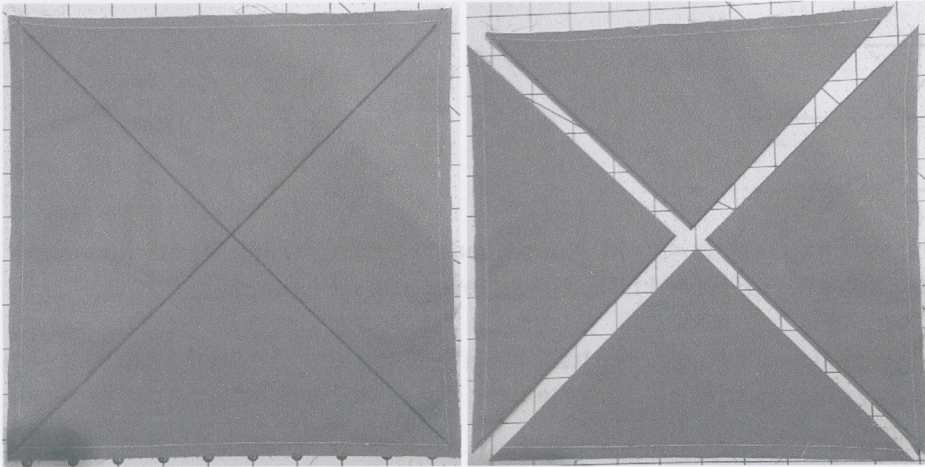
NOTE: Your FINISHED block will be roughly 2 inches larger than the starting square size.

For scrappy version only, sew all 9 of your charms together to create a 9 patch block then continue as written using it as your main fabric.

Place main and background squares right sides together.

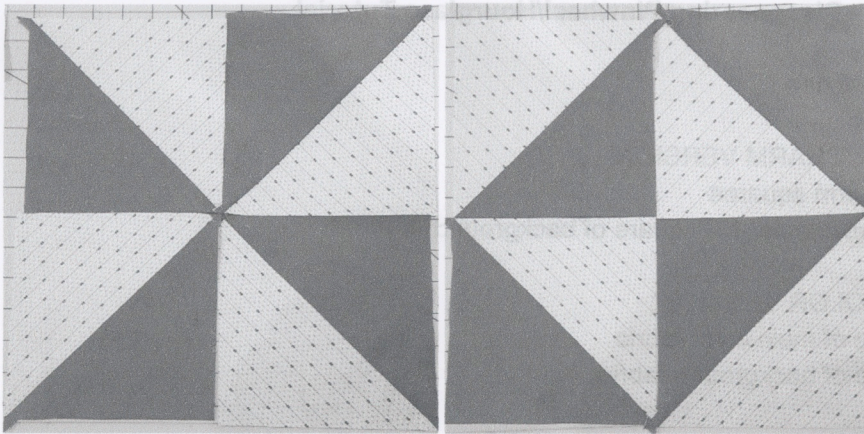
Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch around ALL SIDES.

Cut pieces on the diagonal to create 4 half square triangles.



At this point, you may choose to square them up to the nearest whole number to end up with an even finished product. Using the 45° line on your ruler, you will need to measure your half square triangles and choose a personal square size. This can be whatever measurement your sewing and cutting has lead you to. (With a 10 inch square, the HST's are about 6.5".)

Layout for your blocks can be either pinwheel, to create the churn dash look or the hourglass to create a star block. Sew them together to create the block.



Next is the absolute hardest part. You can either square up your block first, or just go for it.

What you are going to do with this block, is turn it into a 9-patch. In order to do that, it needs to become 9 approximately equal pieces.

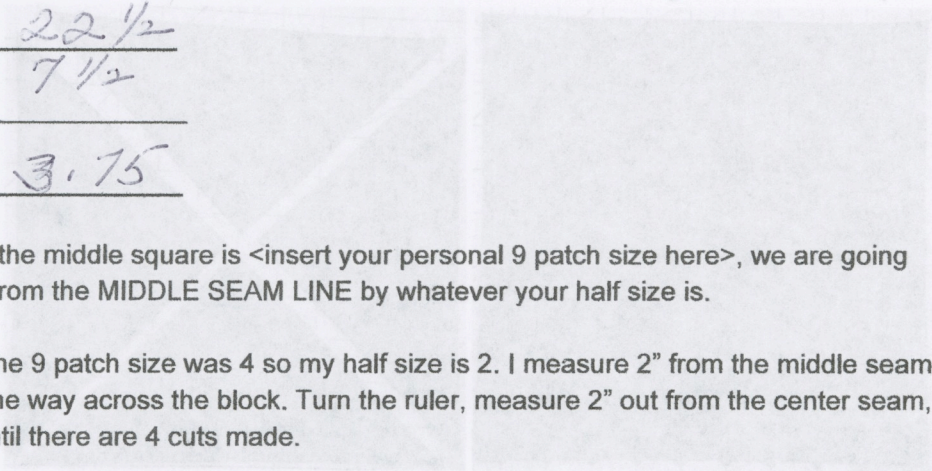
Measure your block across the middle. For example, you end up with 12.25". Divide this number by 3. The answer is 4.083333333... we can call it 4.

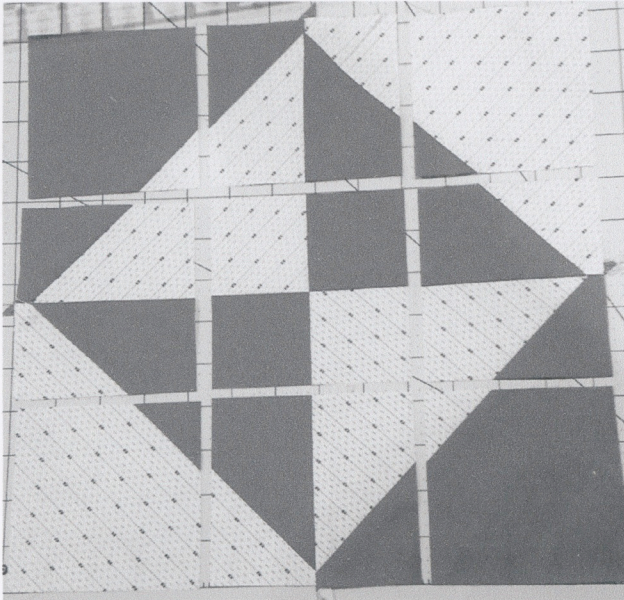
My block size 22 1/2
 Divide by 3 7 1/2
 My 9 patch size _____
 Divide by 2 _____
 The half size 3.75

To make SURE the middle square is <insert your personal 9 patch size here>, we are going to measure out from the MIDDLE SEAM LINE by whatever your half size is.

In my example the 9 patch size was 4 so my half size is 2. I measure 2" from the middle seam line and cut all the way across the block. Turn the ruler, measure 2" out from the center seam, and cut again until there are 4 cuts made.

You should have something that resembles this:





Home stretch! Now you just need to spin your pieces around to create the desired block!

