

## Block of the Month -Neutral Pinwheels

You'll need 3 fabrics – a white, a light beige or tan, and a medium beige or tan. This process will yield two blocks.

Cut (4) 3 ¾ by 29 inch strips as follows: two from the white fabric and one each from the other two fabrics.

Sew a white strip to the light strip, and a white strip to the medium strip.

Press each seam allowance to the darker fabric. Lay one double strip face to face with the other double strip, nestling the seams. Each white strip should be facing a darker strip. Iron the layered strips so they won't move for the next step.

Trim one end perpendicular to the middle seam line to get started. Now cut

(4) 7" squares from the strip. There should be a little left over. Sew down both sides of each square, crossing the middle seam. Check the middle seam allowances to see that they are going in opposite directions. Press. Line the squares up so that they are oriented the same way. Now cut them diagonally from top left to bottom right. Press them open carefully to avoid stretching the bias edges. Press toward the lighter fabric.

Arrange the mostly light triangles to form a square. Arrange the mostly medium triangles to form another square. Sew pairs of triangles together along their shorter edge, matching the center seams. Press the seams closed, then open, rotating seam allowances.

If your finished square is too big, trim it down to 6 ¼ in. from each side of the center seam intersection. If it is slightly too small, soak it in water and pin it stretched to the proper 12.5 inch size. Press dry, or allow it to dry on its own.