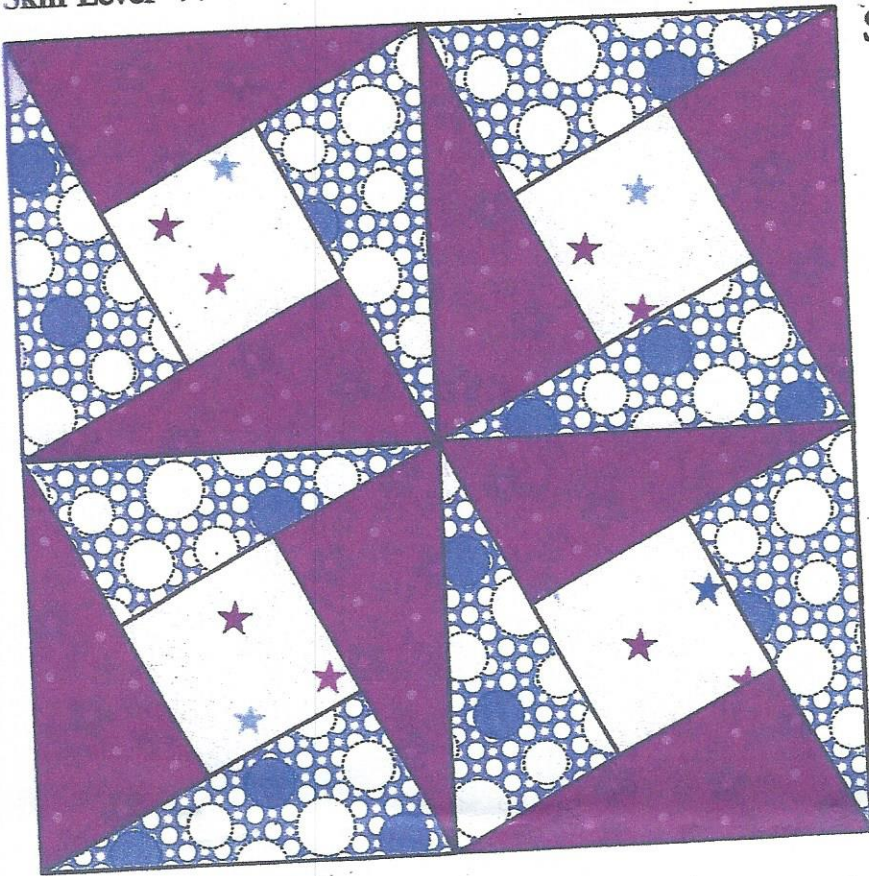


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Skill Level ★



*Kansas City Star – 1941*  
*Windmill, Nancy Cabot*

## Supplies

12" Block  
 6½" Fussy Cut Ruler  
 6" x 12" Ruler  
 Rotating Mat

6" Block  
 3½" Fussy Cut Ruler  
 6" x 12" Ruler  
 Rotating Mat

## 12" Finished Size

Light

Center Squares

(1) 3¼" x 14" cut into  
 (4) 3¼" squares

Medium

Set of Blades

(1) 3½" x 28" cut into  
 (4) 3½" x 6¾"

Dark

Set of Blades

(1) 3½" x 28" cut into  
 (4) 3½" x 6¾"

## 6" Finished Size

(1) 2" x 9" cut into  
 (4) 2" squares

(1) 2¼" x 19" cut into  
 (4) 2¼" x 4½"

(1) 2¼" x 19" cut into  
 (4) 2¼" x 4½"



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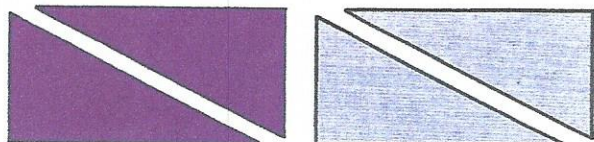
## Sewing Four Patches

*The technique used to sew the block is called partial seaming.*

- Stack four medium and four dark Rectangles right side up, and cut on diagonal.

**12" Finished Block**  
3½" x 6¾" rectangles

**6" Finished Block**  
2¼" x 4½" rectangles

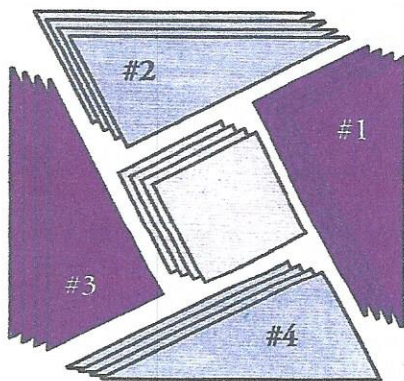


*Cut exactly as illustrated. If cut in the opposite direction, all pieces will be mirror image.*

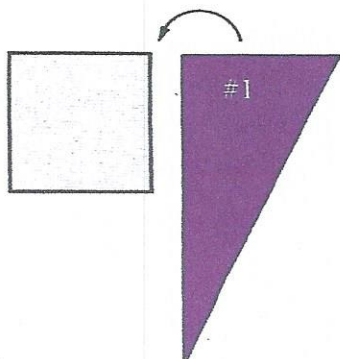
- Lay out block with Center Squares. Numbers represent position of pieces.

**12" Finished Block**  
3¼" squares

**6" Finished Block**  
2" squares



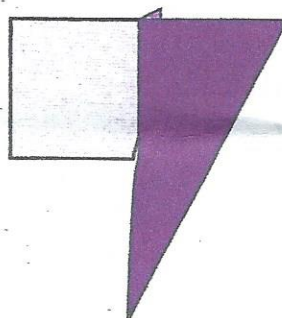
- Flip #1 right sides together to Center Square.



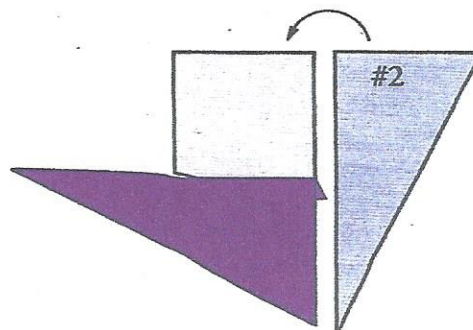
- With ¼" seam sew, ¾ of way and stop sewing. Repeat with remaining three.



- Press #1 seam away from Center Square.

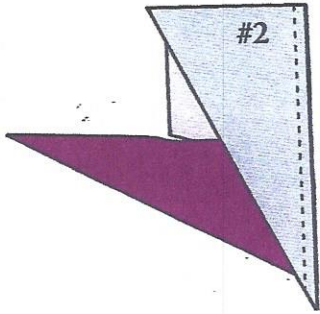


- Turn patch. Place #2 beside patch. Flip #2 right sides together to Center Square.

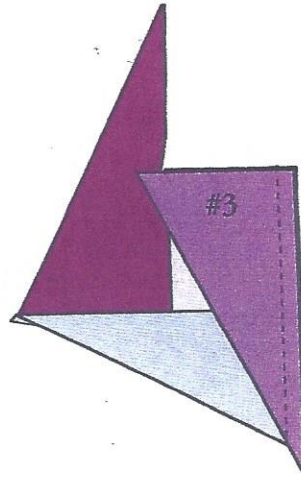


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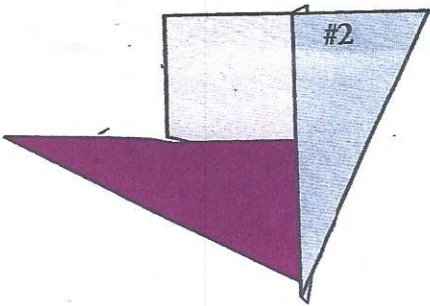
Line up straight edges.  
Assembly-line sew.



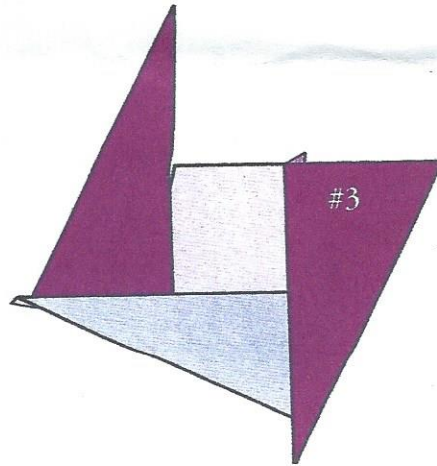
10. Line up straight edges.  
Assembly-line sew.



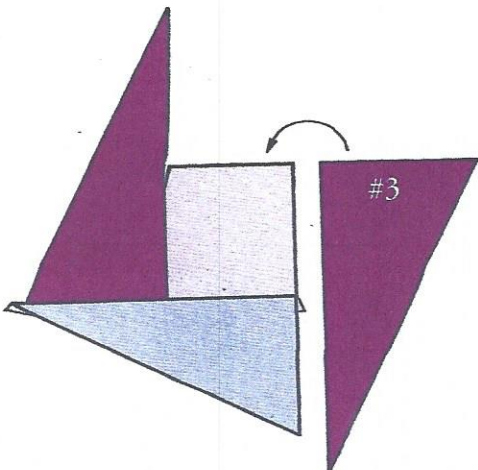
8. Press #2 seam away from Center Square.



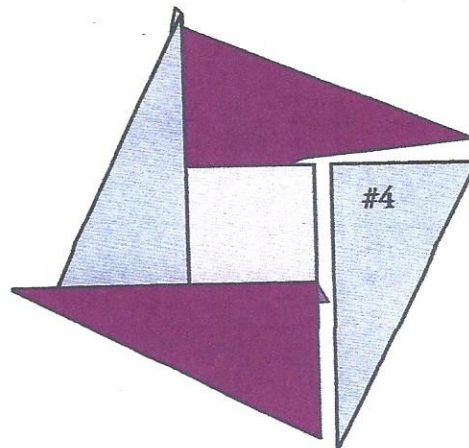
11. Press #3 seam away from Center Square.



9. Turn patch. Place #3 beside patch. Flip #3 right sides together to Center Square.



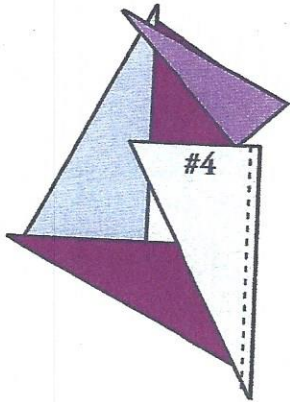
12. Turn patch. Place #4 beside patch.



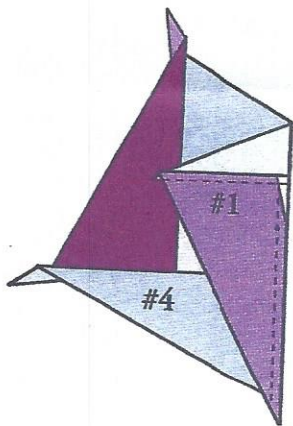


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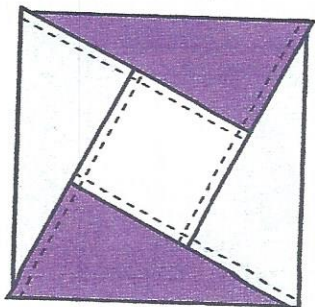
13. Fold #1 out of the way. Flip #4 right sides together to Center Square. Line up straight edges, and sew length of seam. Press #4 seam away from Center Square.



14. Turn patch. Flip #1 right sides together to #4. Continue sewing #1. Press #1 seam away from Center Square.



15. Check on back side. All seams are pressed away from Center Square.



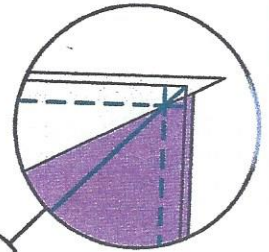
## ■ Squaring Four Patches

1. Place Fussy Cut Ruler on patch.

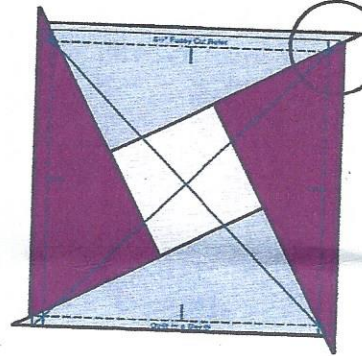
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| 12" Finished Block  | 6" Finished Block   |
| 6½" Fussy Cut Ruler | 3½" Fussy Cut Ruler |

2. Carefully line up four corner squares on ruler with diagonal seams. Manipulate fabric under ruler if necessary.

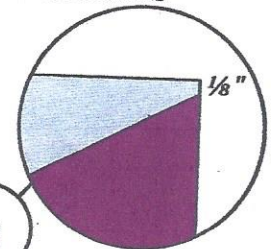
3. Place on a rotating mat. Trim on four sides, turning mat as you trim.



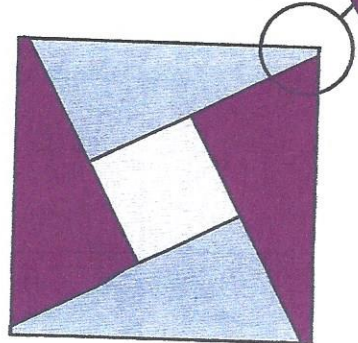
*The angle is not a 45° angle so ruler must line up like this.*



4. From right side, check that seams are 1/8" from corners.



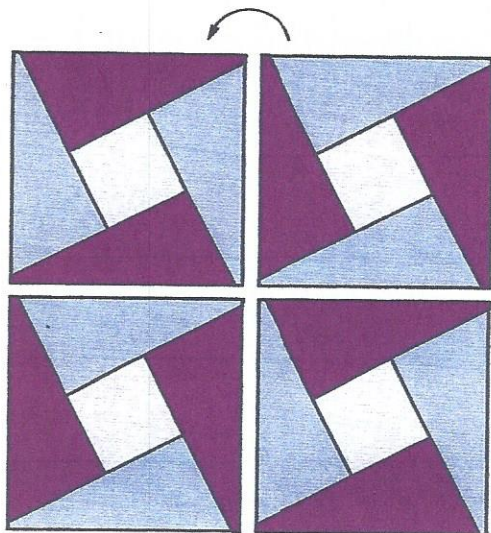
*Seams do not go into corners.*



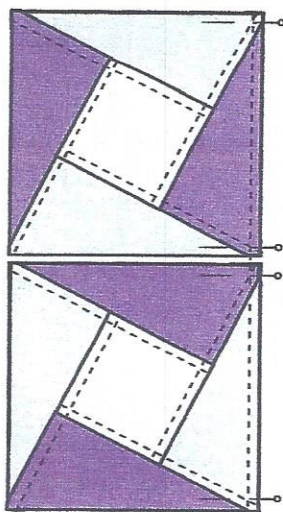


## Sewing Four Patches Together

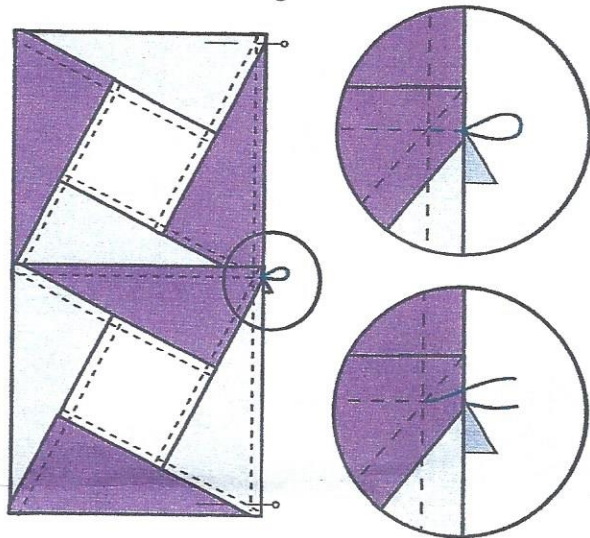
1. Lay out four blocks with "pinwheel" in center.
2. Flip vertical row on right to vertical row on left.



3. Pin  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from edges, matching seams.
4. Assembly-line sew. Do not clip connecting threads.



5. Turn, and sew remaining row. At connecting thread, push top seam up, and underneath seam down.
6. Clip connecting thread, and remove approximately three straight stitches on both sides. See green thread.



7. Lay block flat wrong side up.
8. Swirl seams to the right around center. Remove stitches in center and press center open. Flatten. Center looks like a pinwheel.
9. Measure and record in box.

**12" Finished Block**

**6" Finished Block**

*12½" is ideal size*

*6½" is ideal size*

*It is important that all blocks be one consistent size.*

