

Spring Breeze

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Finished Block Size – 12” square

Method – Traditional piecing using 4 HST units at once

Skill Level – Easy

Time to Complete – Weekend Project



Cutting Requirements:

From white solid fabric cut:

- 4 x 4 ¼" squares

From aqua floral fabric cut:

- 4 x 4 ¼" squares

From low volume floral fabric cut:

- 2 x 4 ¼" squares
- 4 x 2 ½" squares

From red floral fabric cut:

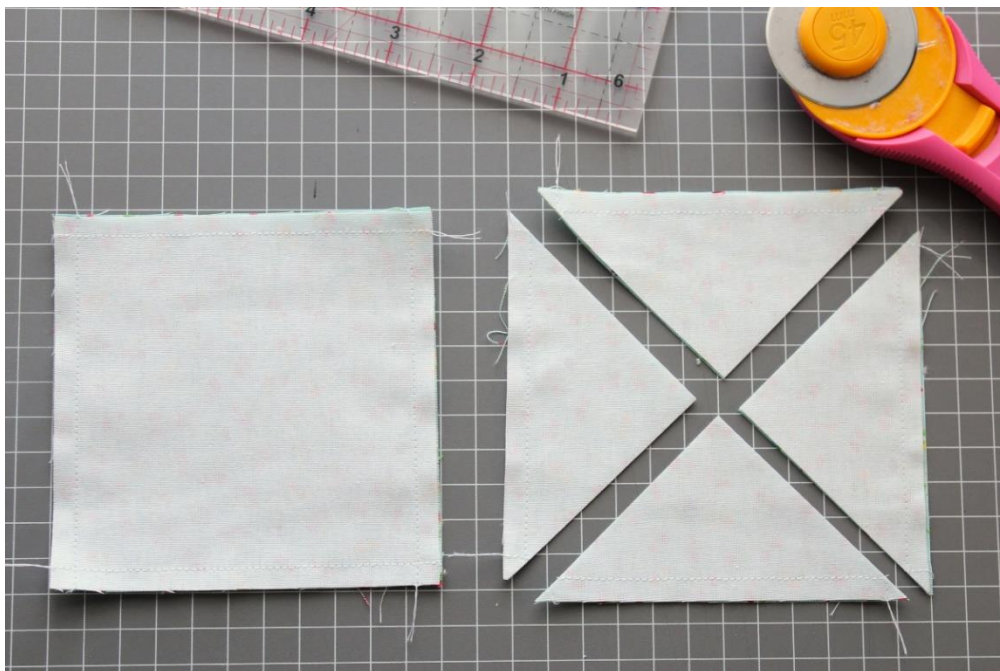
- 2 x 4 ¼" squares

From pink floral fabric cut:

- 2 x 4 ¼" squares
- 4 x 2 ½" squares

Block Construction:

1. With right side together, position a white 4 ¼" square on top of three of the aqua 4 ¼" squares, aligning raw edges and sew across each of the four sides of the three squares using a ¼" seam allowance.
2. Cut each square diagonally twice to yield four triangles from each square - twelve triangles in total.



3. Open each triangle and press seams towards the aqua triangles. Carefully trim each aqua/white HST unit to 2 ½" square.



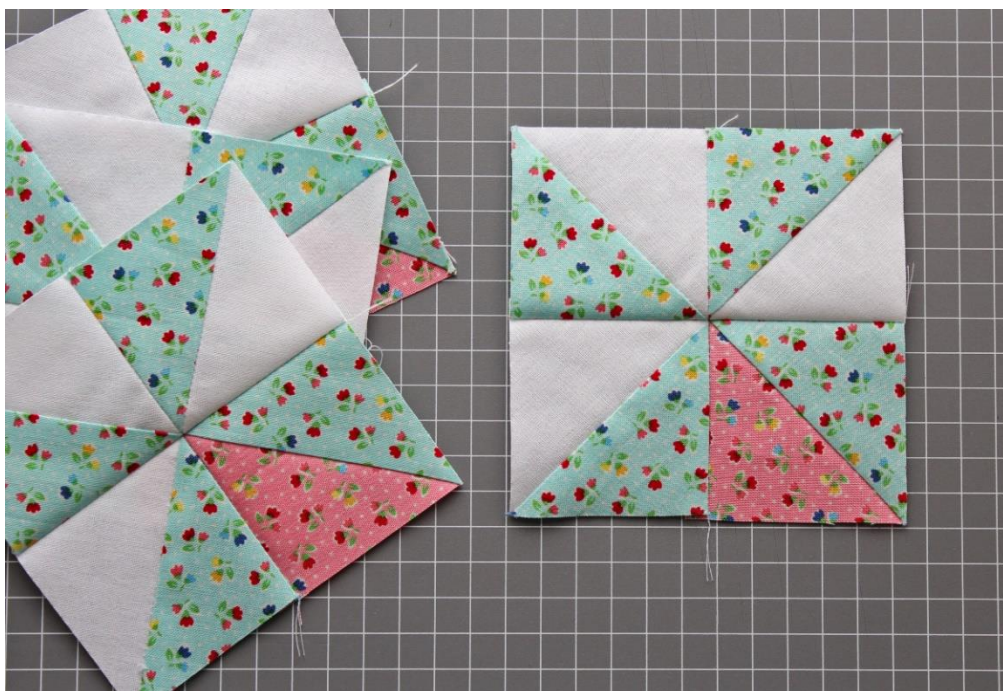
4. With right side together, position an aqua 4 ¼" square on top of one pink 4 ¼" square, aligning raw edges and sew across each of the four sides using a ¼" seam allowance.
5. Cut the square diagonally twice to yield four triangles. Open each triangle and press seams towards the aqua triangles.



- Carefully trim each aqua/pink HST unit to 2 1/2" square.
- To make one pinwheel unit, arrange three of the aqua/white HST units and one of the pink/aqua HST units as shown.



- Sew the units together into two rows, pressing seams in alternate directions for nesting.
- Carefully matching all seams, sew the two rows together, pressing seams to the top of the unit for nesting, to yield one pinwheel unit measuring 4 1/2" square.



10. Sew four of these pinwheel units and keep them aside until required.
11. With right side together, position a low volume floral 4 ¼" square on top of each of the two red floral 4 ¼" squares, aligning raw edges and sew across each of the four sides of each square using a ¼" seam allowance.
12. Cut each square diagonally twice to yield four triangles from each square – eight triangles in total. Open each triangle and press seams towards the red triangles.



13. Carefully trim each low volume/red HST unit to 2 ½" square. Keep four of these HST units aside until required.

14. To make the centre pinwheel unit, arrange four of the low volume/red HST units as shown.



15. Sew the units together into two rows, pressing seams in alternate directions for nesting.
16. Carefully matching all seams, sew the two rows together, pressing seams to the top of the unit for nesting, to yield one pinwheel unit which should measure 4 ½" square.



17. Keep this unit aside until required.

18. With right side together, position a white $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square on top the remaining pink $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square, aligning raw edges and sew across each of the four sides of the square using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
19. Cut the square diagonally twice to yield four triangles. Open each triangle and press seams towards the pink triangles.



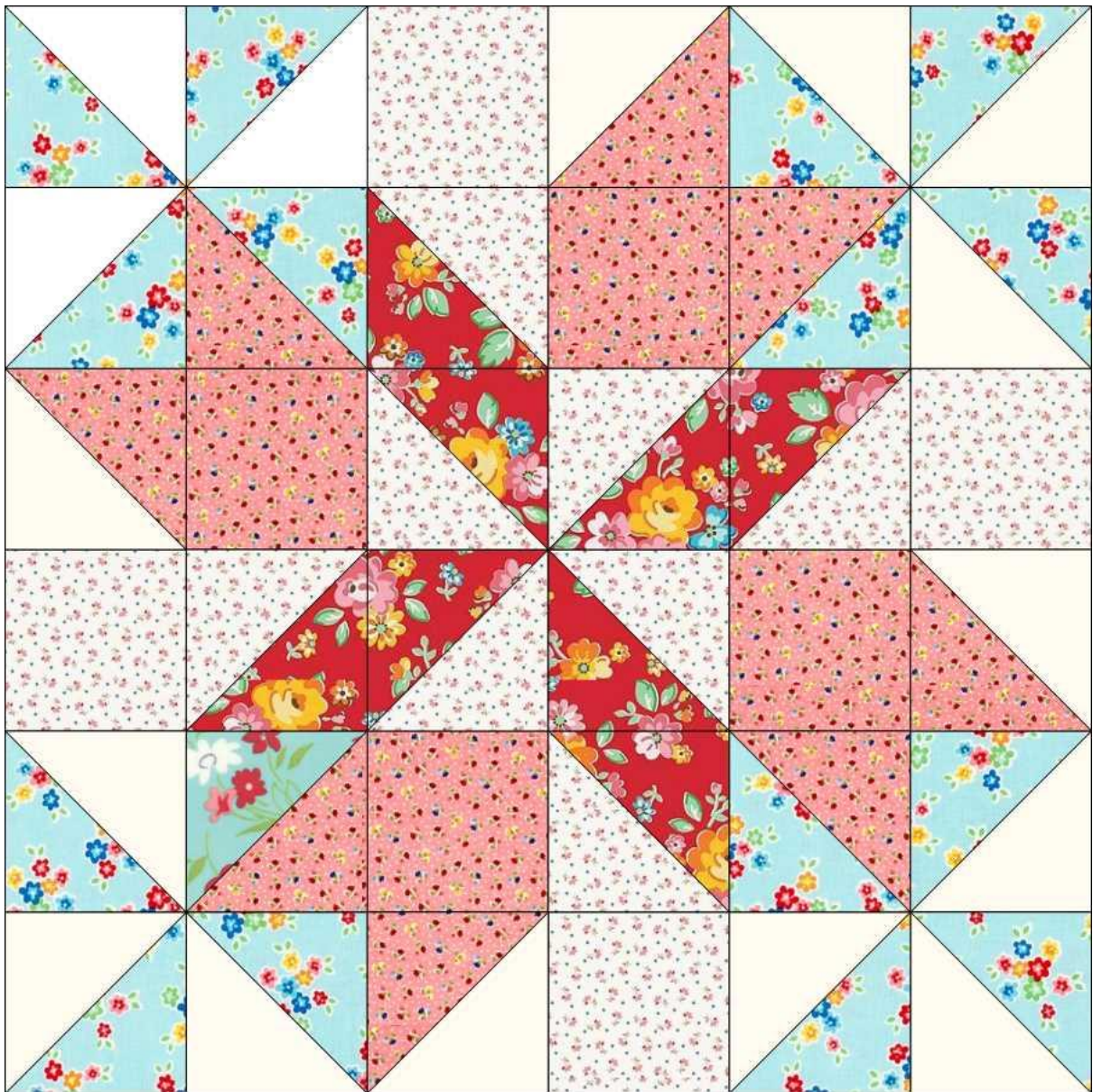
20. Carefully trim each pink/white HST unit to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
21. To make one four patch unit, arrange one pink/white HST unit, one red/floral HST unit and one pink floral and one low volume floral $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square as shown.



22. Sew the units together into two rows, pressing seams towards the squares.
23. Carefully matching all seams, sew the two rows together, pressing seams to the bottom of the unit for nesting, to yield one four patch unit which should measure 4 ½" square.
24. Sew four of these four patch units.



DIAGRAM – for orientation of units



25. Carefully matching all seams and ensuring correct orientation of each unit, sew a four patch unit to the either side of the red/low volume pinwheel unit, pressing seams towards the pinwheel unit to complete the centre row.
26. Carefully matching all seams and ensuring correct orientation of each unit, sew a pinwheel unit to either side of the two remaining four patch units, pressing seams towards the pinwheel units to complete the top and bottom rows. **Please note** the rows are identical in orientation and the bottom row is rotated before attaching to the block.



27. Carefully matching all seams and ensuring correct orientation of the rows, sew the three rows together, pressing the long seams open to complete your Spring Breeze block which should measure 12 1/2" square.

