



Sierra Quilt Guild
Block of the Month March 2016
Churning Pinwheel

This block measures 11 ¼" square finished (11 ¾" unfinished).

Colors: White Background, Blue Contrast

Cutting: White: cut (1) 10" square
 Blue: cut (1) 10" square

Construction: All seams should be scant ¼".

1. Put the two (2) squares RST (right side together) and sew around all four edges using a scant ¼" seam. Cut across the squares diagonally both ways. Press seams to the dark side (always). Trim dog ears.
2. Arrange the four (4) HSTs (half square triangles) in a pin wheel configuration and stitch. Press, spinning seams. Square up to 12 ¾"; this measurement is important because it divides easily into 3. Your outside edges probably won't be uniform; this is OK!
3. Cut into nine (9) squares **without moving** fabric of pinwheel. Position ruler along the center seams so that the cutting edge of ruler is 2 1/8" from seam. Do this on both sides of seams. A rotary mat is good for this!
4. Arrange pieces like finished photo, above. Sew the 9-patch together, pressing top and bottom rows out and middle row towards center. Let recipient square up to 11 ¾" as results will vary by sewer.

Pinwheel in a Churn Dash...how cool is that?!

