

April BOM: All Squared Up

Tidewater Quilters' Guild All Chapter Meetings

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Cutting Instructions:



White Background

A (2) 3" squares*



Red

B (2) 3" squares*

C Assorted 2" strips



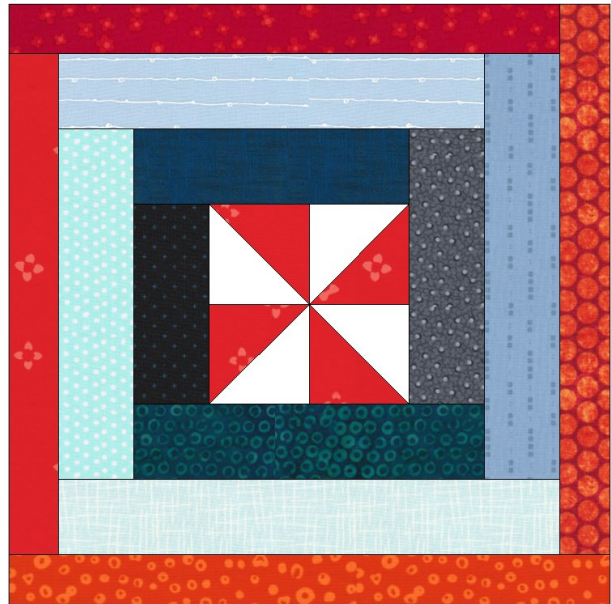
Dark Blue

D Assorted 2" strips



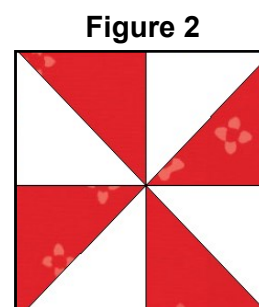
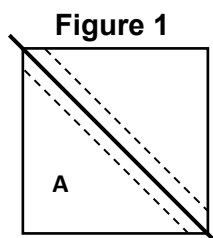
Light Blue

E Assorted 2" strips



NOTE: Read all directions before beginning. Sew all seams using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. This block is a scrap buster! Use up left over assorted red, dark blue and light blue fabrics. The key for this block's success is the contrast between the light and dark blue. To see the contrast when trying out fabrics, take a photo on your phone and apply the monochromatic filter or black & white filter. The hint will allow you to use all $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips if needed.

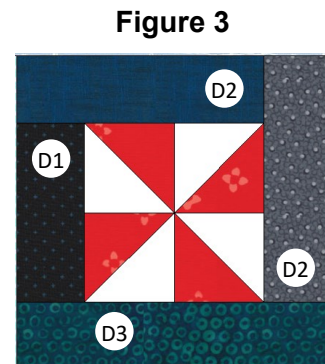
1. Create center pinwheel create two at a time with half square triangles (HSTs). Draw a diagonal line corner to corner with a removeable marking tool on the wrong side of two **A** white background squares (**figure 1**). [See hint to use alternate method with $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.]
2. Pair one **A** square with one **B** square, right sides together. Sew on both sides of the line. Trim on the sew line (**figure 1**). Press to the dark side.
3. Trim the oversized HSTs down to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " while checking that the diagonal line is still running corner to corner when lining up your ruler. This creates two HSTs. Repeat once more to create a total of four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " HSTs.
4. Sew the four HSTs together to form a pinwheel (**figure 2**) measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



5. Sub-cut assorted dark blue 2" strips into the following:

- (D1) 2" x 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ " cut one
- (D2) 2" x 6" cut two
- (D3) 2" x 7- $\frac{1}{2}$ " cut one

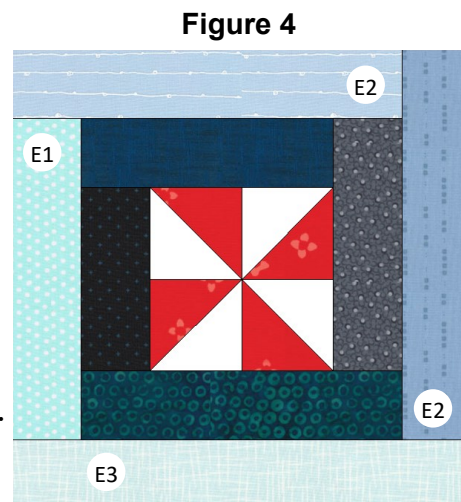
6. Sew D1 to one side of the pinwheel. Press out. In a clockwise circular motion, sew D2 to the next side of the pinwheel. Press out. Sew the second D2 block to the next side. Press out. And sew D3 to the remaining side. Press out (**figure 3**). This section measures 7- $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7- $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



7. Sub-cut assorted light blue 2" strips into the following:

- (E1) 2" x 7- $\frac{1}{2}$ " cut one
- (E2) 2" x 9" cut two
- (E3) 2" x 10- $\frac{1}{2}$ " cut one

8. Sew E1 to one side of the block. Press. In a clockwise circular motion, sew E2 to the next side of the pinwheel. Press. Sew the second E2 block to the next side. Press. And sew E3 to the remaining side. Press (**figure 4**). This section measures 10- $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10- $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



9. Sub-cut assorted red 2" strips into the following:

- (C1) 2" x 10- $\frac{1}{2}$ " cut one
- (C2) 2" x 12" cut two
- (C3) 2" x 13- $\frac{1}{2}$ " cut one

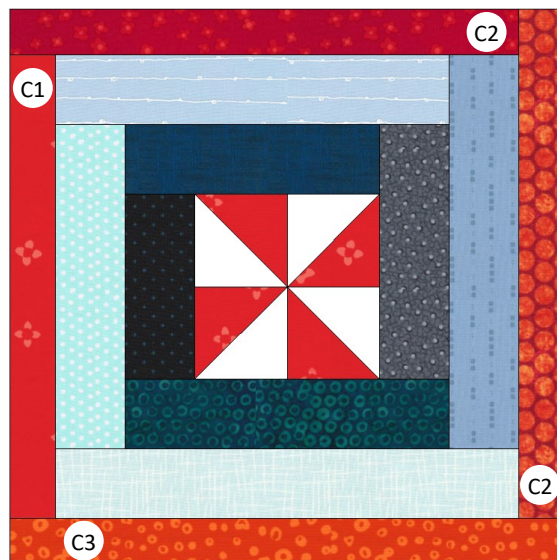
10. Sew C1 to one side of the block. Press. In a clockwise circular motion, sew C2 to the next side of the pinwheel. Press. Sew the second C2 block to the next side. Press. And sew C3 to the remaining side. Press (**figure 5**).

11. This block is intentionally larger to allow for trimming down later after all blocks are complete or for the person who wins the block in BOM drawing.

12. Unfinished **All Squared Up** block measures 13- $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 13- $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Hint: If you are using only 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips. The center pinwheel can be created from one at a time HSTs. Cut four red and four white 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Draw a diagonal line on the backside of the white squares. Pair a red square and a white square, right sides together. Sew on the line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the line. Press open and continue with step 4.

Figure 5



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Layout Ideas

