

# Pinwheel Kaleidoscope Instructions

Please read instructions before beginning.

Individual sewing practices will vary, but try sewing with these general guidelines.

**For best results, sew using a scant 1/4" seam allowance.** We also find it is best to 'press' and not 'iron', ironing can force the fabric to move and/or stretch. Some sewers press all seams open, I personally do not, it is a personal preference so try both ways and stay with whatever works best for you.

Each pinwheel block will have 8 matching triangles, 4 background triangles and 4 background strips. **See Fig 1**

\*\*Keeping your 8 focus blocks in the same design order, make 2 piles of 4 triangles, next to them, lay your 4 background triangles, and next to the remaining 4 focus triangles, lay the 4 background strips as shown in **Fig. 2**

\*\*Then flip right sides together and sew together using your scant 1/4" seam allowance. Once sewn, press outside seam, then flip open and press seams towards focus fabric, repeat with all remaining pieces. You will end up with 4 blocks of each as shown in **Fig. 3**

\*\*Now with one of each block that you just haven sewn, with your blocks in this same position (**Fig. 3**), Flip right sides together, matching top and bottom points as shown in **Fig. 4**, sew your scant 1/4" seam allowance. This will give you a quarter block.

\*\*As shown in **Fig. 5**, trim excess background fabric from the quarter block. Press outside seam, then open and press. Cut off all 'dog ears' at this point, as shown by arrow in **Fig. 6**

\*\*Take 2 of your quarter blocks with right sides together sew using your scant 1/4" seam allowance, press outside seam, open and press and you have 1/2 of your block. **Fig. 7** Repeat with remaining blocks, then sew your two halves together, for best results, place your two halves right sides together, matching center point, pin from the center out, again making sure the center of your block, were all seams will be coming together is pinned. The very center will be a little thick, I really slow down my machine and just go stitch by stitch right before the middle and right after. Press outside seam, open up and press your completed block. **Fig 8.**

Your blocks should not need squaring up, (but it never hurts to check them), they should finish to 15.5" and when sewn into your project, they will finish to 15" blocks.

\*\*Sew together 3x3 rows, or add sashings and /or borders if desired.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

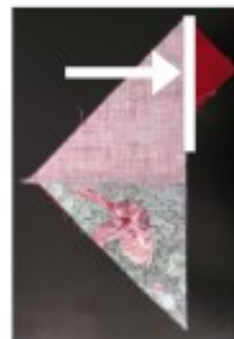


Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8