

Whitlock's Weekly Whimsy

Week 27

Block 43

Cutting:

<i>Fabric</i>	<i>Measurements</i>
Color 2	8 @ 2 x 2 2 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8
Color 6	4 @ 2 x 2 2 @ 2 3/8 x 2 3/8
Color 8	4 @ 2 x 3 1/2

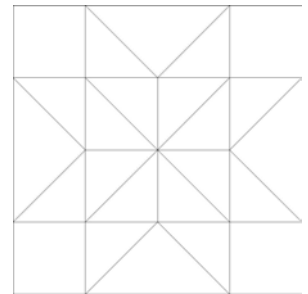
Techniques:

HST

Flying Geese

Block Breakdown:

There are a couple of ways you could tackle this block. The first thing I notice is the pinwheel in the center so let's play off of that! Surrounding that pinwheel are 4 geese units. If we make the pinwheel and the geese we will have to sew this block together in rows. If we look beyond the pinwheel, there are four identical quadrants. Each has a parallelogram, a HST and a square. We could easily make this block that way. However, because I know that for the next block we are going to be making quadrants and I want you to do it both ways, we are going with the pinwheel approach!



Sewing:

Because the geese units have two different sky units, this block is not a candidate for make four at a time. Stitch and flip method it is. Make four geese that have color 2 on the right side and color 6 on the left. Press towards the sky units.



The pinwheel is made up of HST's. You can make them two at a time or four at a time. Either way will work fine as they are in the center of the block and you do not have to worry about the biased edges of the four at a time method. I cut for two at a time, what was I thinking! Use color 2 and color 6 to make 4. Trim to 2". Press towards color 2. Form the pinwheel and spin the center seam. Trim to 3 1/2"



Time to build. Lay out your units and sew in rows. When you are sewing the goose units, if you have the goose on the top you will be able to see the intersection of your seams. If you sew on thread above that intersection, you will have an exact point when you press.

Web the block together. Press towards the solid block corners and the pinwheel center.

