

Urban Owls

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Pinwheels

These pinwheels will be a border around your quilt. Think about what colors you want to frame your quilt. I am using blue/turquoise as my constant. Every pinwheel will have a blue/turquoise and another bright color. The background framing will be various greys.

I cut my squares a little bigger than suggested so I would have plenty to trim down. That is totally personal preference. I trimmed quite a bit off the squares.

You will need 2 squares of each color for your pinwheels. Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of your colors of squares.



Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of your drawn line. Cut on the line.

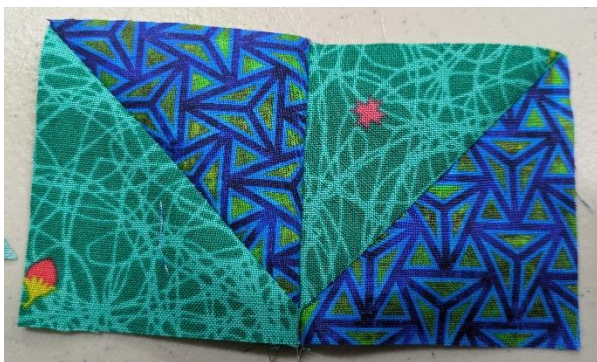




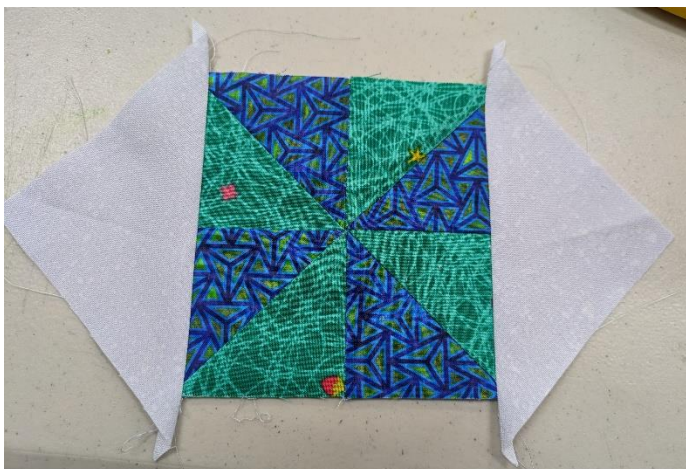
Press your seams to one color. I pressed away from my blue. Be consistent with your pressing.

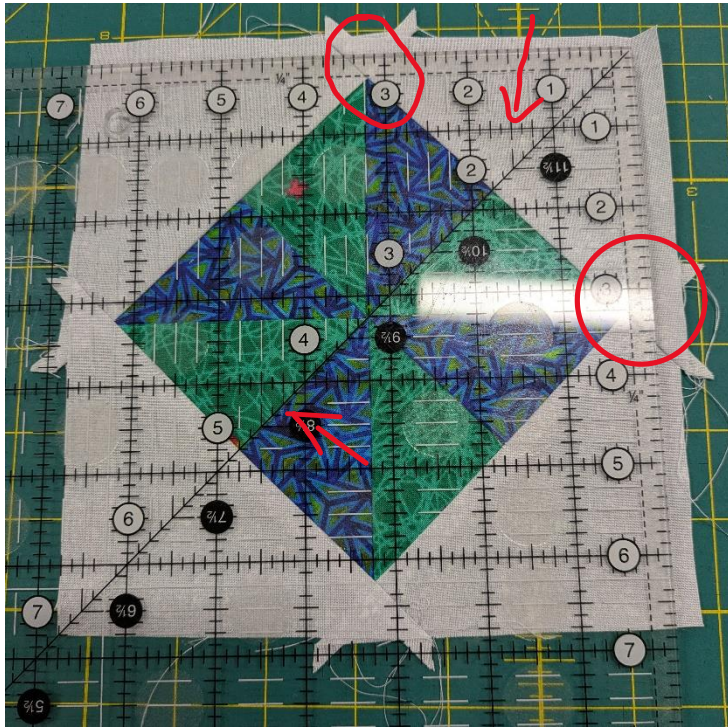
Trim.

Sew two half squares together. When you press to one direction the seams will nestle together and your blocks will line up. Press to one direction Repeat for the other squares and press to the opposite direction. Sew those sets of two together. Your seams will nestle together again



Now it's time to add your background pieces. Line the point of your triangle up with the vertical seam. That will center it on your pinwheel. Sew that seam and press out.





Trim. To trim this block to 6.5", you want to line up with a few points on your ruler. A 6.5" square works best, but any larger square will work too. Line the diagonal line up with the diagonal of your pinwheel. Make sure that the 1/4" seam allowance lines on your ruler are lined up with the points of your pinwheel. That will make sure that your points are great when your blocks are sewn together. I marked the important parts on the picture. Trim 2 sides, rotate and repeat.



Make your blocks and sew them together to make the borders as shown in your pattern.



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