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STARRY PINWHEEL

Foundation Paper Piecing Pattern

4", 4.5", 5", 6", 7", 8", 9", 9.5", 10" & 12" block



HI THERE, FELLOW SEWING ENTHUSIAST!

Don't we all have our favorite patchwork patterns? Mine are definitively stars. But I also have a thing for pinwheels. So I made a pattern trying to combine those two. And I really like how it turned out!

You can use this block with its different sizes in various projects: a mini quilt, a draw string as a special gift bag or a front for a small pouch. Or make several big ones and turn them into a table runner, a wall hanging or a cute little baby quilt (see designs examples). And with the 4.5" and the 9.5" size you can add a little star sparkle to your next charm pack or layer cake project.



The pattern is specifically designed to have some space between the star points and the block edge so you don't have to worry about those crispy points disappearing when you sew the block to other fabrics.

RECOMMENDATIONS

♦ When printing the pattern, make sure you do not choose ,fit to page' in your printer settings. Set the printer to ,actual size', ,with no scaling' or ,100% scale' (phrasing may differ depending on your printer). You can also check this 1" scale block for accuracy.

1" SCALE BLOCK

- ♦ Shorten the stitch length on your sewing machine to at most 2.0 or less.

 This way the paper gets more perforated when you sew and will be easier to tear off at the end. Backstitch at the start and the end of each line. This will keep your seams secure when you tear off the paper.
- ◆ Each section of the pattern has a ¼" seam allowance, make sure all of it is covered with fabric when you sew (best a bit more, you can trim it down later). This will make it easier to sew the individual pieces together.
- ◆ Using pins or clips can help with achieving exact matching points when sewing the sections together. Also you can sew with a long basting stitch at first, and then if everything is lined up as desired re-sew with the small stitch length. If you have to adjust, this will make it easier to unpick than with the small stitch length.
- ♦ If you want to make the pattern in a different size as provided, you can scale the pages to your desired size. Please be aware that the ¼" seam allowance then will no longer be accurate. Ignore this line and draw your own at ¼".

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

This pattern can be made with just a few cotton scraps from your stash. The exact amount of required fabric depends both on your chosen FPP method and on your size choice.

I recommend using not too bulky fabric such as canvas or denim as it may be hard to get nice crispy points and flat seams with it – especially at the long thin points.

DESIGN EXAMPLES - SINGLE BLOCKS

