Welcome back, Unity Quilters!

Are you ready for another round of digging into the scraps and fat-quarters?

I heard from many of you that you thought the pieces in Part 3 were too small for your liking – yet I know when you see the whole quilt together, you will be glad you took the time to do them, and you are also glad you learned what you did while making them.

If you can make little stars that finish at 4”, you can make ANYTHING! So pat yourselves on the back and let’s get moving into Part 4.

32 Pinwheel Star blocks -

Blocks will measure 6 1/2” unfinished and finish at 6” in the quilt.

As I have said previously – you can use any method to make the half-square triangles in this quilt. These units will measure 2 1/2” unfinished and finish at 2” in the block.

If you are using standard rotary cutting techniques, you would be starting with 2 7/8” squares cut on the diagonal.

Make them however you want but keep the size in mind so that this round fits your quilt.

For this block you will need

4 aqua/neutral half-square triangles that measure 2 1/2” unfinished.
4 red/neutral half-square triangles that measure 2 1/2” unfinished.
1 blue center square 2 1/2” unfinished.

Essential triangle Tool Method:

Place 2 1/2" strips with right sides together (aqua/neutral shown).

The ruler is marked in “FINISHED UNIT SIZE.” Place the 2” finished red line at the top of the strip set, ON the fabric, not above the fabric on the mat. The green triangle will be pointed at you. Make a cut.

Pivot the ruler, placing the 2" red line at the bottom of the 2 1/2" strip set to make second cut.
Pivot again to make 3rd cut and so forth - for a total of 4 triangle pairs from each strip set.

Cut 4 pairs of aqua/neutral half-square triangle units.

Cut 4 pairs of red/neutral half-square triangle units.

Cut 1 blue center square 2 1/2”.

Stitch units with a tested 1/4” seam.

Press the aqua seam allowance toward the neutral.

Press the red seam allowance toward the red.

Measure units – they should be 2 1/2” square. Trim up as needed. If units are too small, revisit your seam allowance and make it just a bit narrower.

Blocks layout.

(I love that Quilt Diva fabric!)

Block pressing.

When joining the block units into rows – Press the top and bottom row seams toward the corner units. press the center row seams toward the center square.

Sew the last two long seams and press those seams toward the center of the block.
Make 32. Blocks will measure 6 1/2” unfinished and finish at 6” in the quilt.

Blocks will rotate when joining and seams will nest.

Before joining blocks to each other, make sure seams play nice!

32 done and ready to be added to the quilt.

Make 2 side rows of 7.
Make 2 top/bottom rows of 9.

Before you join rows to the quilt sides or top and bottom – lay them in place to make sure that your seams are going to work where the top/bottom rows join to the sides.

I found it helpful to make the side rows first, have them begin and end the same as each other, and then plot out the top/bottom rows so they will work with the ends of the side rows and nest.

You'll see what I mean when you get there. Just build your side rows the same as each other, and then find the places for the top/bottom rows where things need to nest and go from there with top/bottom row construction.

Rows ready to go on.
Don't let that innocent Zoey Pose fool you!

My name is Zoey Jo and I ate the triangle!!

While I was busy sewing one row on to the center – she snuck over and grabbed one of the remaining rows and had half of that corner unit GONE!

(Oh, so much PUPPY!)

All four rows on!

Quilt will now measure 54 1/2” x 54 1/2”. We are not adding a sashing round at this point. Just end it here for now.

I like it more and more with each round, don’t you?

I hope everyone has a great week, and we’ll catch you back here next Monday for round 5!

I have placed my stock of the Addicted to Scraps book on deep deep discount at just $15.99 (regularly $27.95) and it comes with a free PDF pattern download for my Wanderlust Table Runner.

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We will see you next week for Part 5!