



Brita Nelson The Questioning Quilter

Information for Quilters with Questions

Disappearing Pinwheel - Buttons and Bows



This quilt is made of thirty 9" finished blocks arranged 5 across by 6 down.

It uses 1 3/4 yard of dark and 1 3/4 yards of light fabric.

These measurements don't include binding or backing.

For more quilting information visit my website at: <https://questioningquilter.com>

I have a YouTube video for you demonstrating this pattern <https://youtu.be/ESEfbzra3gU>

and at the end of the video, I will show you how to make a 3 color option.

I made this with 6" squares of fabric which were turned into 5 1/2" Half Square Triangles (HST).

You will need two light squares and two dark squares for each block.

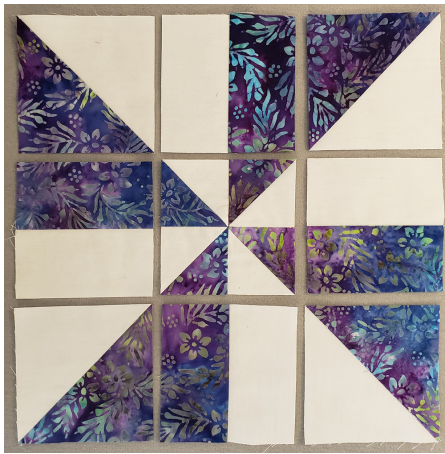
This will make 4 Half Square Triangles (HST). (Or you could use your own favorite method for making HST's)

Rotate the HST's to make a Pinwheel Block.

For this quilt you will need 60 squares of light fabric and 60 squares of dark fabric. This will make 120 HST's, which you will turn into 30 of these Pinwheel blocks.

If you want to make different sized blocks use the chart on my website: <https://questioningquilter.com/chart>.





Make a cut 1 3/4" from the center seam. Turn the mat 90 degrees and make another cut the same distance from the center seam. Do this until you have 4 cuts and 9 sub-blocks.



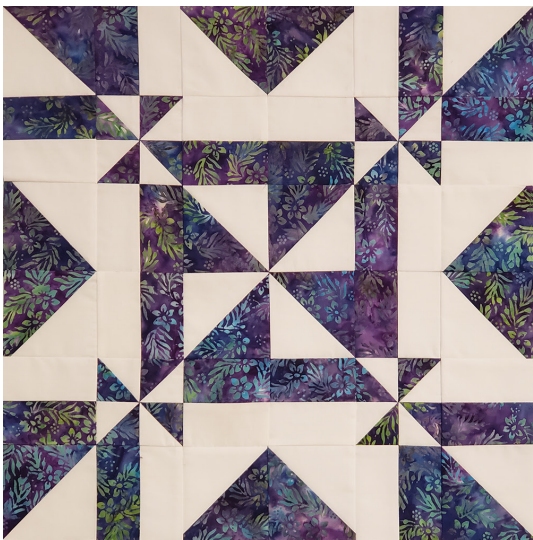
The sewn block will look like this.



Re arrange the sub-blocks as shown.



Using the corner that has a HST attached to the bar block as the center, arrange 4 blocks to make the motif with the framed pinwheel (the bow) in the middle.



Sewn together, the motif looks like this.



Once all of the blocks are sewn together you can see the secondary pattern created by the half square triangles. These are the buttons, Hence the name, Buttons and Bows. Shout out to Illini Country Stitchers for coming up with this name.

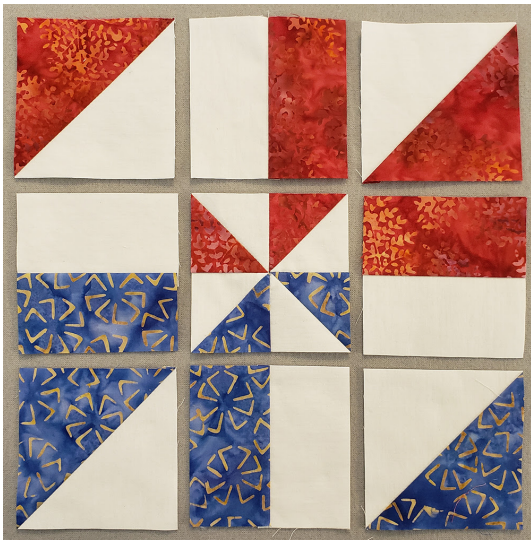
If you want a 3 color version instead of the 2 color version, you are in luck because I have included the instructions here.



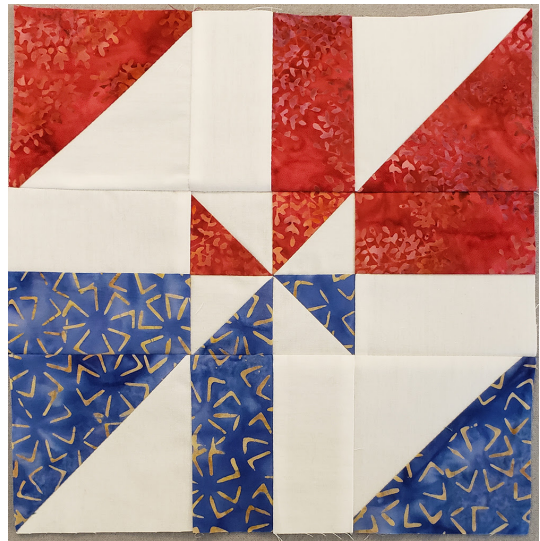
Make a 3 color pinwheel with primary color 1 (red) on the top row and primary color 2 (blue) on the bottom row.



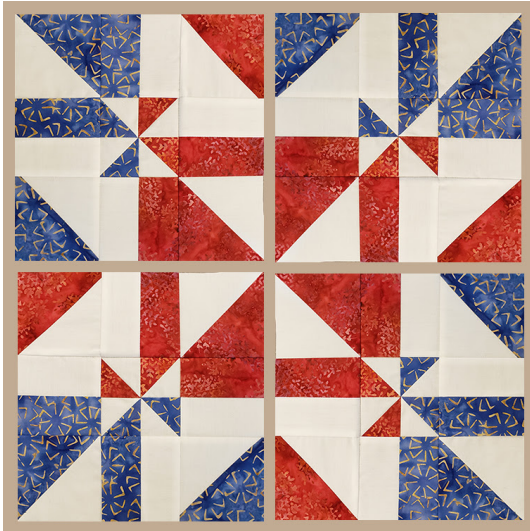
Make 4 cuts 1 3/4" from the center seam.



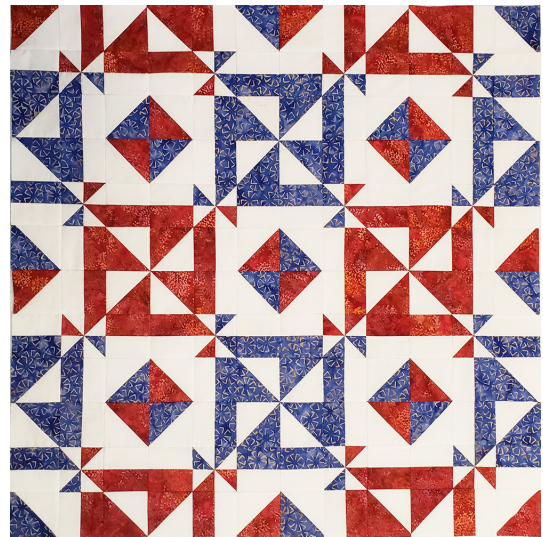
Arrange the pieces as shown here.



Once the block is sewn together it will look like this.



Arrange the motif like you did before, but put the red pieces to the center to make a red bow.



When you sew all the blocks together, you can see red bows, blue bows and the buttons are red and blue.



Here is the block that I am going to use for next months design. The problem is that I can't find if a name exists for this block. If there isn't already a name, can you please help me come up with one?

The name has to be short so that I can call the design a "Disappearing" Email me your suggestion or even better, please leave your suggestion in the comments of this YouTube video. That way all the ideas are in one spot and easier for me to evaluate. If I choose your proposal, you will get a shout out in next month's newsletter and video

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Please take a look and let me know what you think.

I have even more disappearing videos on my channel: [Brita Nelson The Questioning Quilter](#)

This is from my November 2021 newsletter. Please sign up on any page of my Website to get new issues of my newsletter (every month or so) with a new disappearing pattern.

Contact me with any questions or comments.

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