



Finished block size: 20" (unfinished is 20 ½")

This block is a twist on the basic pinwheel, with four half-square triangle units that are dark on one side and light on the other, sewn together so that the block appears to be spinning. Then, the basic pinwheel block is sliced 4 times and the units repositioned to make the "disappearing pinwheel." See the links below to view a helpful tutorial by the *Missouri Star Quilt Co.*

Cut:

(1) 15 ¾" square each of a light batik background fabric (think neutrals) and a darker batik fabric in fall colors. Fat quarters work well.

Start by sewing a standard pinwheel block:

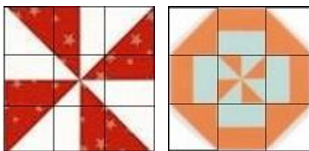
1. Put the 15 ¾" squares of your background and print fabrics right sides together.
2. Sew around the entire outside edge of the square using a scant ¼" seam (the scant seam will help with matching the points in the center of the pinwheel).
3. Laying your ruler *diagonally* from corner to corner, cut across the square in both directions.
4. Open the 4 half-square triangles you've created, press toward the dark fabric, and trim any "bunny ears."
5. Make a pinwheel square by laying out the 4 units so they look like this:



6. Sew the top 2 triangle squares together and press open (seam allowances toward the darker fabrics).
7. Sew the bottom 2 triangle squares together and press open, with the seams going opposite so they will nest.
8. Sew the 2 units you made in steps 6 and 7 together, lining up the centers, and press open. Your block should measure 21".

Now make your Disappearing Pinwheel:

1. Measure and mark 3 ½" out from the center seam on all 4 sides, and cut across the block on those lines, creating nine 7" squares:



2. Turn the 8 outside squares so they look like the second figure above.
3. Sew the squares in each of the top, middle, and bottom 3 rows together. Then sew the three strips together, matching seams carefully. The completed Disappearing Pinwheel block should now be 20 ½" square.

To view a video tutorial of the completed Disappearing Pinwheel Quilt #1) by **Missouri Star Quilt Company** with some great sewing tips, follow one of these two links (same video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rgQd6asPQs>

<http://quiltingtutorials.com/quilt-projects/disappearing-pinwheel-quilt-quilting-easy/>

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