

Sew a Summer Row
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Row by Row Experience Shop Hop 2014

Our row is made up of 6 blocks, instructions below are for one block.

Fabric A: 2 - 4 1/2" squares
Fabric B: 2 - 4 1/2" squares
Sky Blue: 2 - 2 1/2" squares and 2" by width of fabric to finish.
Sandy Brown: 2 - 2 1/2" squares and 2" by width of fabric to finish.
 The blue and brown squares will be pressed in half diagonally, wrong sides together.

Place an A and B square right sides together. Draw a line diagonally across the lighter fabric.
 Sew on both sides of the line - 1/4" away from the line.
 Cut on the line, open and press to the darker fabric, creating two half-square triangle blocks.
 Repeat with the other set of A/B squares.
 Press and square up each of these units to 3 1/2" square.
 Sew them together to create a pinwheel block. Press well and square up to 6 1/2".

Repeat, making 6 blocks. Before you sew them all together, make sure all your pinwheels are positioned with the darker fabric in the same position. This will make them easier to sew together as the seams are pressed to the darker fabric.

Adding the sky: Position the blue squares in the top corners of the pinwheel block - matching the corners. Sew them into position with a 1/8" seam along the outside edges. The long edge of the sky fabric is on the bias, making it easy to fold it back, creating a rounded look in the corner. Fold back from the middle, leaving 1/4" on each end not folded back. This part will be inside the seam when you sew the units together. Press with a hot, dry iron. Topstitch the curve in place with blue thread.

Repeat with the sandy brown on the bottom of your pinwheels.
 Sew all the pinwheel units together.
 Press the seams open to reduce bulk.
 Your row should be 36 1/2" wide. If it's not, adjust the joining seams to get to that measurement.
 Add a 36 1/2" strip of blue to the top and a strip of brown to the bottom. Press and admire.

