

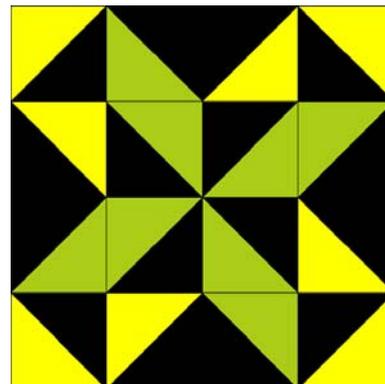
Preliminary notes about fabric selection: To make our Color Wheel stars sparkle, all backgrounds for the 12 blocks are black. Each month's block emphasizes a different color, with a black background. Some blocks also use other colors, in addition to the main color. When choosing your fabrics (including the black for the backgrounds), you may use solids, or prints that read as solids (for example Moda Marbles, or color-on-color prints like a red-on-red or green-on-green). Don't worry about trying to get the exact same shade or tone that others are using - the variety will add interest to the finished quilt. (For example, the June block uses Red-Orange fabric. We will have different ideas about what constitutes the color Red-Orange.)

October 2015 - Yellow-Green - Pinwheel Star
Finished Size: 12" square
Skill Building - Flying Geese

Fabric Requirements: 1/4 yd. (or FQ) each of Yellow-Green and Black;
 leftover Yellow from September block.
 (Keep leftover fabric for final quilt assembly.)

Cutting Instructions:

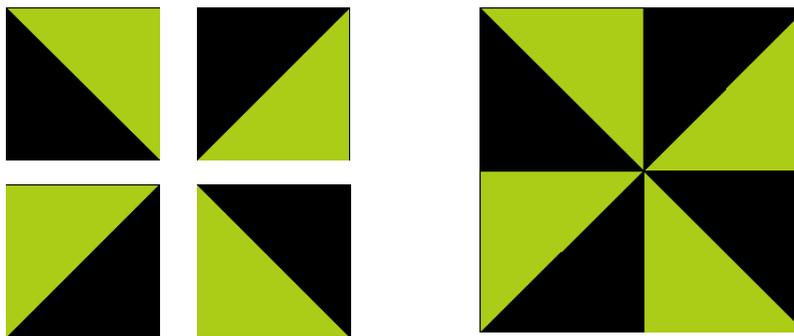
- Black - Four 3-7/8" (4-1/8") squares (see note below)
 Four 6-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangles
- Yellow-Green - Two 3-7/8" (4-1/8") squares (see note below)
 Four 3-1/2" squares
- Yellow - Two 3-7/8" (4-1/8") squares (see note below)
 Four 3-1/2" squares



Note: I like to cut my squares for the half-square triangle units over-sized, and then trim the units to size after they are sewn. This allows for slight variations in piecing. The numbers in parentheses are for this over-sized cutting.

Piecing Instructions:

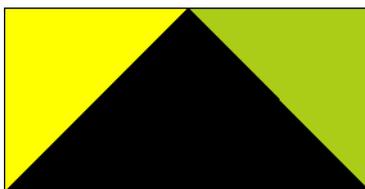
Half-Square Triangle Units: Using the 3-7/8" (4-1/8") squares, make four half-square triangles using Yellow and Black, and four using Yellow-Green and Black. Instructions for half-square triangles are given on the May and June blocks. Press seams toward the Black. Square units up to 3-1/2". Sew the Green-and-Black units together as shown below, pressing all seams open. Take care with fabric placement so the pinwheel is rotating in the correct direction. The pinwheel unit should measure 6-1/2" square.



Flying Geese Units: Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of the Yellow and the Yellow-Green 3-1/2" squares. Place a 6-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangle in front of you, right side up. On the left end, line up a Yellow 3-1/2" square, right side down, with the drawn diagonal line running from the lower left corner to the upper center of the rectangle. Sew on the drawn line. (**Tip:** I like to start sewing at the center of the unit, rather than the corner, to prevent the corner from bending and getting caught in the machine's feed dogs.) Before trimming, flip the lower half of the Yellow triangle up toward the corner to check placement. The edges of the triangle should line up with the edges of the Black rectangle. If placement is correct, flip the triangle back down flat. Align the 1/4" line of your ruler

along the stitching line, and trim. (**Take care** not to trim on the wrong side of the stitching line! You are trimming off two triangles, not the larger piece of the black rectangle.) Press toward the Yellow triangle.

Place the rectangle in front of you with the Yellow triangle on the left end. Place a Yellow-Green 3-1/2" square on the right end of the rectangle, right sides together, with the drawn line running from the lower right corner to the upper center of the rectangle. The drawn line should intersect the top corner of the Yellow triangle at the center of the rectangle. Sew on the drawn line, check placement, and trim. Press toward the Yellow-Green triangle. Repeat these steps three more times. You should end up with four identical 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" units that look like this:



Arrange your block as shown below, and stitch together in rows. Press seams on the top and bottom rows toward the outside, and seams in the middle row toward the center pinwheel. This will allow your seams to “nest” together as you join the rows. Press top and bottom rows toward the center pinwheel.

