

***Twist & Turn Disappearing Nine Patch Tutorial!!***



I just want to start by stating, that this is not my own design, I saw this technique demonstrated on a quilting blog but didn't save the link.....

Are you ready?? Well let's get that sewing machine revved up!!!

We start with a nine patch block cut in quarters...the beginnings of the disappearing nine patch block!!

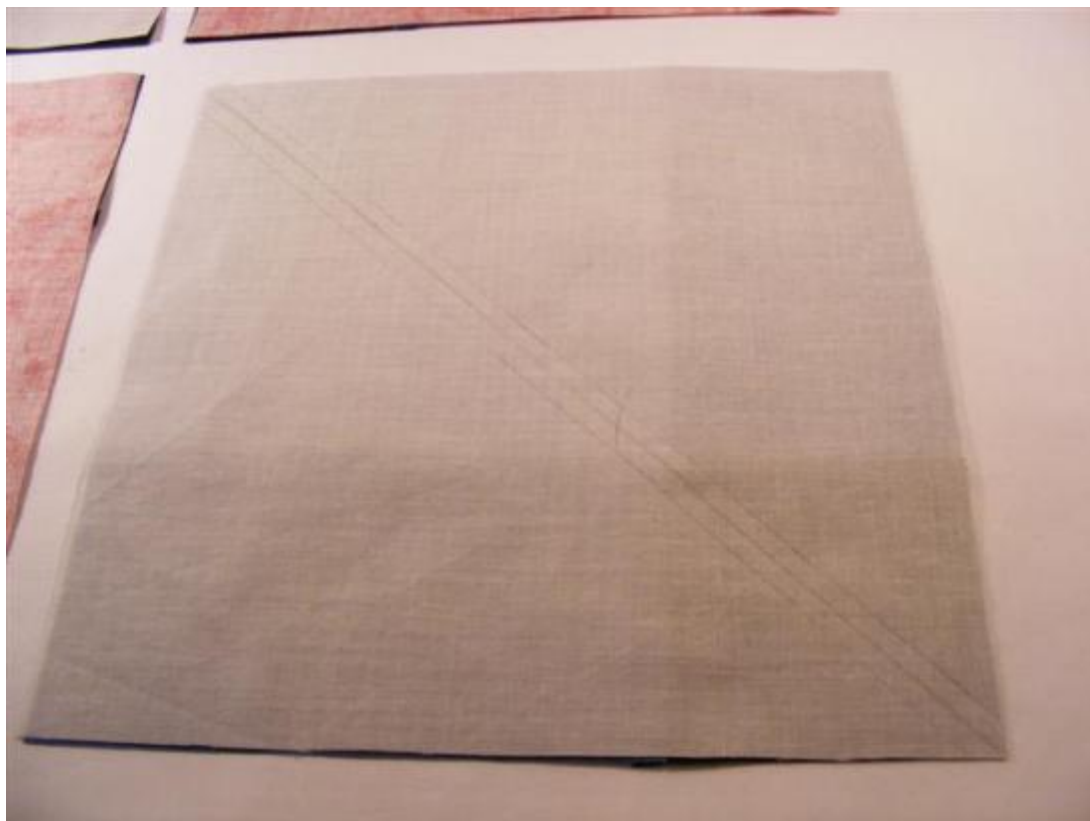
You can use any size block you want...these started out at 5" each



**Measure your quarter blocks and cut fabric the same size in contrasting fabric (I used just two, but you can use one or two or four, please yourself here!!) Place on top right sides together.**

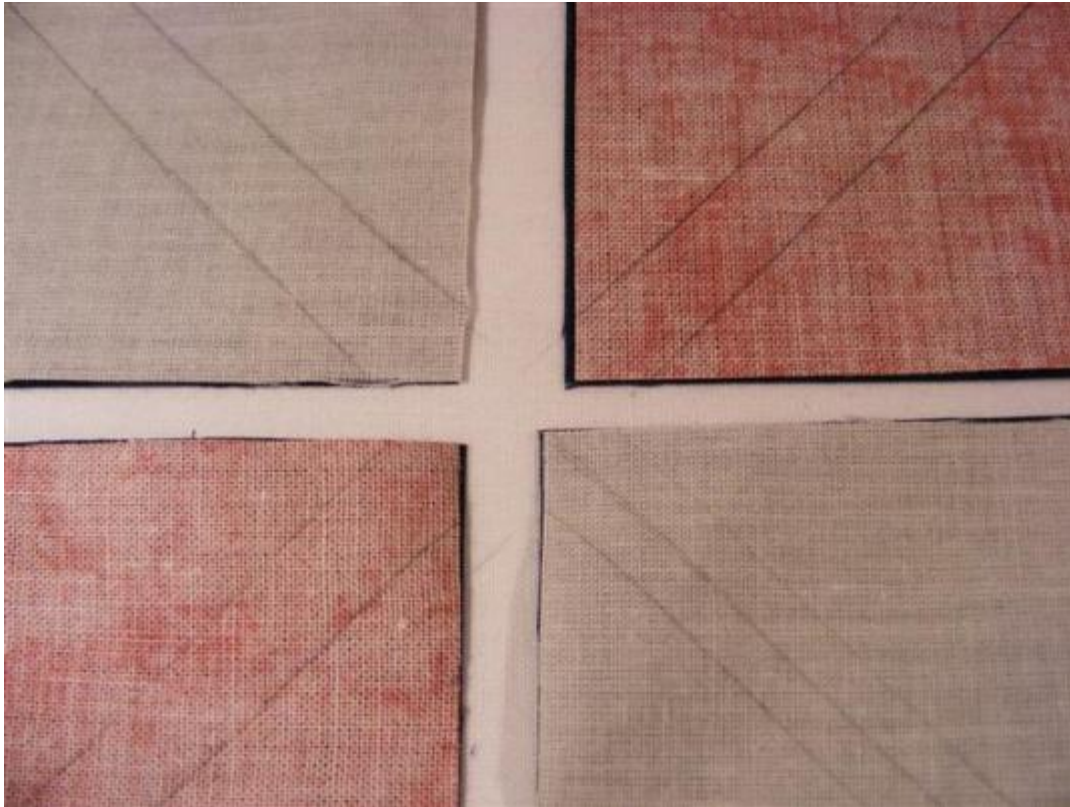


**Draw a line right through diagonally from the centre to the lower edge, then draw another line, a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of this central line on all blocks.**



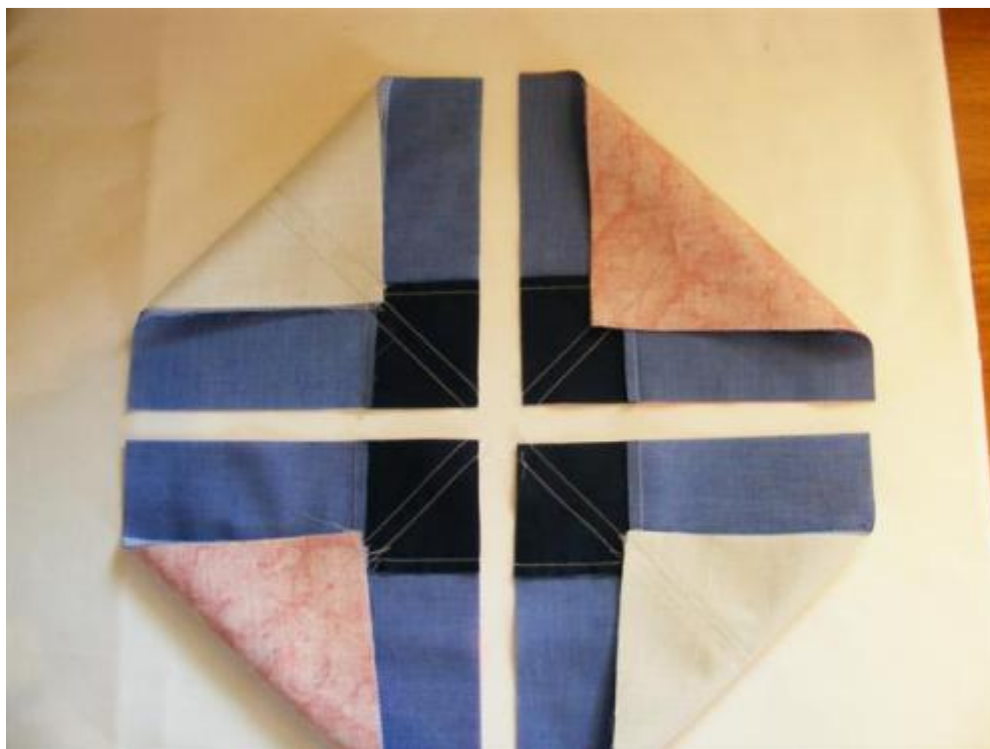
Now at this point you can choose to draw from the opposite corners, you will get a completely different effect as the D9P block is not symmetrical...the choice is yours!

I liked the mini pinwheels so sub divide my quarters from the centre out.



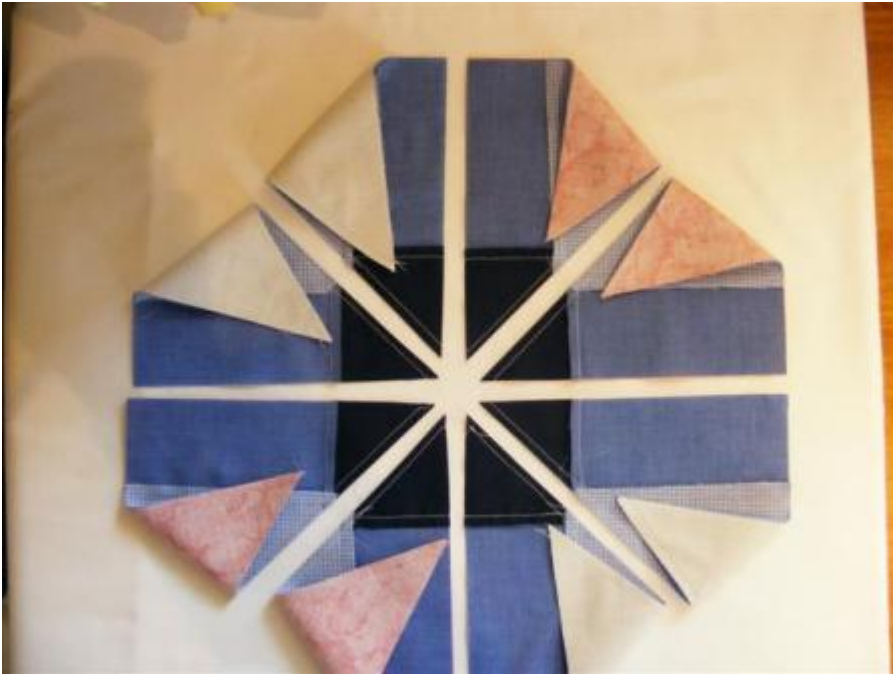
**Take care to make sure your fabric doesn't stretch when you are drawing, especially at the edges, as its on the bias...look at the top left block seam allowances...that had to be corrected!!**

**Now pin the fabrics together carefully, and sew down both of the outside edges (the centre line is your cutting line)**





Here you can see all the seams are stitched, I flipped up the corners so you can still see the fabric placements on the reverse.



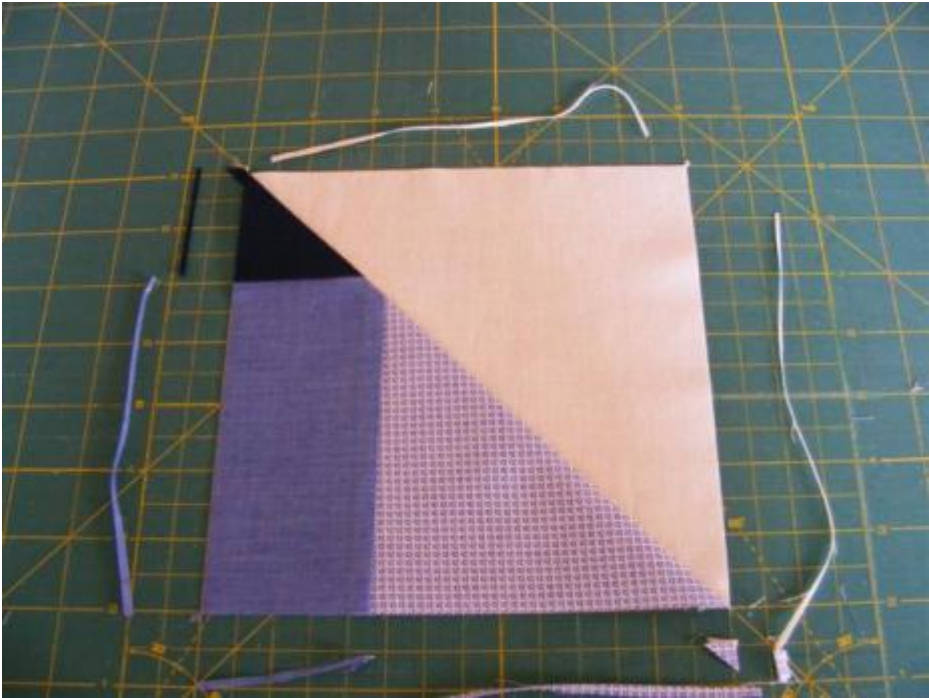
Now I have cut through the centre line on each 'quarter'.

Here you can see the two sections of bottom right corner opened...You get two opposite Half Square triangles.

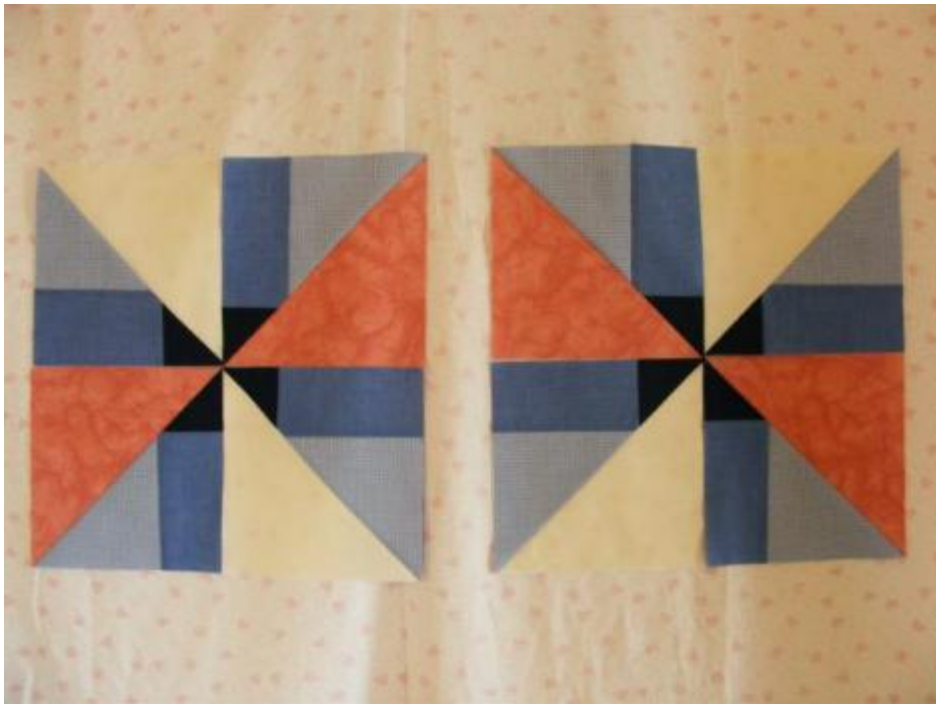




**Square up each new Half Square Triangle, making sure you place the diagonal stitch line on the 45 Deg. Line on your cutting mat.**



**NOW THE FUN BEGINS!!!!!!**



**You can now see in this layout from the one original nine patch...you get two blocks, with opposite turning pinwheels....fun isn't it...but you don't have to stop there.....**



**This is the layout I chose, using opposite blocks alternating a pinwheel with a diamond!!**



**Here's a zigzag formation.....there are lots of combo's , it all depends on how long you can cope with 'twisting and turning' those damned blocks around!!!!!!**

**Have fun everyone!!!**

