

Twirly Birds
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 Clue 3

This clue brings us THREE sets of blocks, but Block C only requires ONE. We will be making a total of nine blocks. These are fun and easy, no extra cutting, no funny stuff, only maybe ONE fussy cut block for Block C, and then ONLY if you want to! You have fun with it. Let's get busy!

Block A: This first chart is for TWO fabrics, please cut the required amount from EACH fabric.

MEDIUM 1 and DARK	10" blocks	12" blocks
6-1/4" WOF strips	1	
Sub-cut to 6-1/4" squares	1	
Cut square on BOTH diagonals for triangles	4	
5-7/8" WOF strips	Scraps	
Sub-cut to 5-7/8" squares	2	
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles	4	
3-3/8" WOF strips	Scraps	
Sub-cut to 3-3/8" squares	2	
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles	4	
2-1/4" WOF strips	Scraps	
Sub-cut to 2-1/4" squares	4	
7-1/4" WOF strips		1
Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares		1
Cut square on BOTH diagonals for triangles		4
6-7/8" WOF strips		Scraps
Sub-cut to 6-7/8" squares		2
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles		4

MEDIUM 1 and DARK	10" blocks	12" blocks
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>Scraps</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>2-5/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>Scraps</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 2-5/8" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
MEDIUM 2	10" blocks	12" blocks
<i>6-1/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 6-1/4" squares</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Cut square on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>5-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 5-7/8" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>3-3/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/8" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>2-1/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-1/4" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>7-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Cut square on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>6-7/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 6-7/8" squares</i>		<i>4</i>

MEDIUM 2	10" blocks	12" blocks
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles		8
3-7/8" WOF strips		Scraps
Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares		4
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles		8
2-5/8" WOF strips		Scraps
Sub-cut to 2-5/8" squares		8

First, let's grab those smallest squares in all three fabrics to create four 4-patch units.

It is important the MEDIUM 1 and DARK are in opposite corners. Please pinwheel that centre seam for a flat centre.

Now, using those smallest triangles, we will start to make this snail create it's trail! The first triangle needs to match the fabric going under the needle first. In this instance, the MEDIUM 2 would be the first set of triangles added.



Round 1:

Round 2:

Round 3: final



	9" blocks	12" blocks
4-patch	4"	4-3/4"
Round 1	5-1/2"	6-1/2"
Round 2	7-1/4"	9"
Round 3	10-1/2"	12-1/2"



Our final units should be pressed away from that centre. I found the centre of each triangle and mated it with the previous centre seam. I finger pressed the triangles in the centre to help line them up.

Block B: four of these beauties

BACKGROUND	10" blocks	12" blocks
<i>4-5/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-5/8" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	<i>16</i>	
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps + 1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>	<i>16</i>	
<i>1-3/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1-2</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 1-3/4" x 2-7/8" units</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>AND 1-3/4" x 5-1/4" units</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>5-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/4" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		<i>16</i>
<i>4-1/2" WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/2" squares</i>		<i>16</i>

BACKGROUND	<i>10" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>2" WOF strips</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 2" x 3-3/8" units</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>AND 2" x 6-1/4" units</i>		<i>8</i>
MEDIUM 1	<i>10" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>2-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps or 1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-7/8" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>3-3/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>Scraps or 1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/8" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
DARK	<i>10" blocks</i>	<i>12" blocks</i>
<i>4-5/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 4-5/8" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>	<i>32</i>	
<i>5-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1-2</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 5-1/4" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles</i>		<i>32</i>

We are creating four stars "on point". I love that we can do these without the bulk this way. Really easy to assemble as well.

First, lets grab the MEDIUM 1 squares with the BACKGROUND rectangle units, we will assemble these into larger squares...

I promise these should work out perfect with the seam allowance!!

You will have four of these.





Time for the BACKGROUND squares and DARK triangles to assemble some funky looking shape!

The long side with the DARK triangles should be the same size as the square (5-1/4" or 6-1/4"). We will need 16 of these.

And just like that, we are ready to stitch these beauties. We will assemble in a 9-patch manner, just on point ~diagonal lines not "square".



We will have two outside rows of triangle, funky unit, triangle. That inside row will be funky unit, double square, funky unit.

Once stitched, press these toward that centre square to help those points show their beauty and be flat.

Complete, these should measure 10-1/2" or 12-1/2". You will need to trim off some little dog-ears after pressing, otherwise it should be pretty accurate and "square".



Block C: one of these, please cut scraps before new WOF strips

BACKGROUND	10" blocks	12" blocks
5-7/8" WOF strips	Scraps	
Sub-cut to 5-7/8" squares	2	
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles	4	
6-7/8" WOF strips		Scraps
Sub-cut to 6-7/8" squares		2
Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles		4
MEDIUM 1	10" blocks	12" blocks
6-1/4" WOF strips	Scraps	
Sub-cut to 6-1/4" squares	1	
Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles	4	
7-1/4" WOF strips		Scraps
Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares		1
Cut squares on BOTH diagonals for triangles		4
DARK	10" blocks	12" blocks
5-1/2" square	1	
6-1/2" square		1

We're creating a square in a square in a square with these squares and triangles. Smallest MEDIUM 1 triangles are added first, followed by the BACKGROUND triangles.



Completed, this block will measure 10-1/2" or 12-1/2" and be pressed away from that centre square.

