

Brave World**Block basics:**

- This is an old block, also called The Spinner, first published in 1935. (Some interpret the spinner name to only apply if the triangles are lighter than the other two fabrics.) The block is sometimes (erroneously?) called Brave New World
- Finished block size is 10 1/2" square. (This is the size when you turn it in, before it is sewn into a quilt.)
- Starching the fabric will help keep the bias edges of the pinwheels straight.
- The construction technique avoids cutting any triangles, which will help in matching the points.
- I have an idea for another block with the same construction technique but only two fabrics. That may be another block of the month if this one is well-liked.
- Use whichever neutral thread color makes the most sense.
- All seams are scant 1/4" seams unless otherwise indicated.

**Choose your fabric:**

I've had several requests for a red, white and blue block, so this is it. We will encourage the winner to make a Quilt of Valor with the blocks, but that is not required. Patriotic fabrics will work very well. Each block must have red, white, and blue. In the example, fabric A is white, B is blue and fabric C is red.

Cut the following fabric pieces:

Fabric A—cut 4 rectangles, 3 by 4 inches.

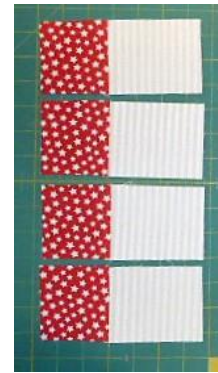
Fabric B—cut 2 rectangles, 5 ½ by 6 ½ inches.

Fabric C—cut 4 squares, 3 by 3 inches.



Construct the block:

Sew C squares to A rectangles, as shown. Press toward the C squares.



Arrange two of these pieces as shown, with the C squares at opposite ends.

Make sure the C blocks are in the upper left and lower right corners when right side up. Turn the section over. Clip the seam allowance halfway between the squares and press in opposite directions, away from the squares. (You will do this twice.)



On the wrong side of each of the two sections, draw a line from the upper left corner at a 45-degree angle. This will go right through the corner of the seam allowances. Turn it around and draw another line.



Place each section on top of a fabric B piece, right sides together. Sew on the lines, then cut the sections apart.



Open and press toward the large B triangles.



Arrange the four sections as shown.

Sew each row together, then sew the two rows together. Press toward the large triangles.



Here is the final block.



Bring your finished blocks to the guild meeting January 28th to participate in the drawing.

Questions? Suggestions for future blocks? Feel free to email me, Judy Johnson, at judygrayj@live.com