

September Block of the Month - **Spinning Spools**

There are two basic pieces. **A** is a 5 ¼" square. This square is the 'thread' on the spool. It may be a single piece (may be fussy cut) or a miniature block or scrappy block.

The **B** piece is both the spool and the background. For this BOM the fabrics for the B pieces are provided.** Rotate the template down the strips to efficiently use the fabrics.

Each block requires 1 **A**, 2 **B** (spool) and 2 **B** (background).

Sew **B** pieces of the same fabric to opposite sides of the **A** square, starting and stopping ¼" from the ends; use a backstitch each time. **B** pieces should be on opposite sides of the block when finished.

Next pin one side of a **B** piece to the adjacent **B** piece. Stitch from the outside in towards the center square (diagram 3, seam 1). Pin the **B** piece to the **A** square and stitch (seam 2). Pin and sew the last seam to the outside of the block (seam 3). Repeat for the other side of the block.

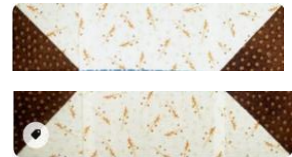
Provided fabric will make two blocks (spools and background).

After struggling to make adequate "Y" seams, I found this alternative:

Alternate piecing instructions

'Spool' fabric: cut 2 rectangles 10" x 2 7/8"

Background: cut 4 3" squares; place on ends of spool fabric and sew on diagonal.



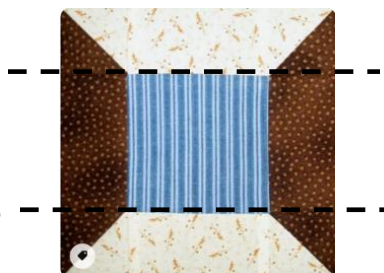
Background fabric: cut 2 rectangles 5 ¼" x 2 7/8"

Cut one 5 ¼" square of 'thread' fabric; sew together as shown



Sew three sections together.

Finished block should be 10" raw edge



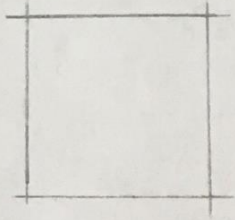
Our spool fabric is yellow; the background is dotted black.



**Contact Kate Weber or Quiltersbythesea@gmail.com for spool and background fabrics.

Check that your print out is scaled to the 1" square below if you are using the template for the **B** pieces.

1" scale



cut $5\frac{1}{4}$ "

Spinning
Spools
A

$5\frac{1}{4}$ " Raw edge to
Raw edge

Spinning
Spools
B

diagram 1

