

Quilt Along^{with} QUILTERS SELECT[®]

2025 - Whirligig Garden Stitch Along – Week 7

Whirligig Pinwheel – 3-Dimensional applique

Dimensional applique builds depth and visual interest by layering fabrics. It is both decorative and functional, originally used to strengthen worn fabrics. Applique and stitch became an embellishment to textiles and brings unexpected interest to quilts and other fabric projects.

In a future tutorial, we will use our sewing machine to attach the applique pieces to the background.

Supplies Needed:

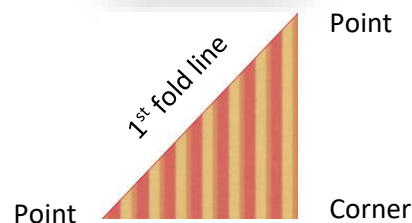
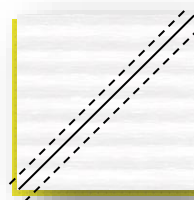
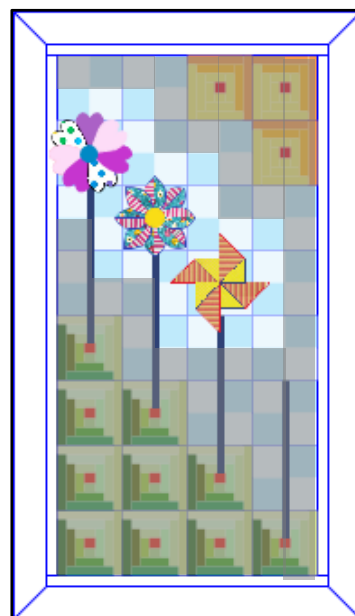
- ¼ yard of 2 print fabrics
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Temporary fabric marker
- 6 ½ inch (large) or 4 ½ inch square ruler (optional)

Cut and Sew:

- Cut (2) 6 ½ inch squares (for large quilt) or (2) 4 ½ inch squares (small) from each print fabric.
- Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of 2 of the squares.
- Place (2) different fabric squares rst and sew ¼ inch away on both sides of the drawn line.
- Cut apart on the line.
- Repeat for remaining squares.
- Trim larger units to 5 ¾ inch square, 3 ¾ for the small size.
- Fold on the seam and press right sides facing out forming a double-sided triangle.

Pro Tip:

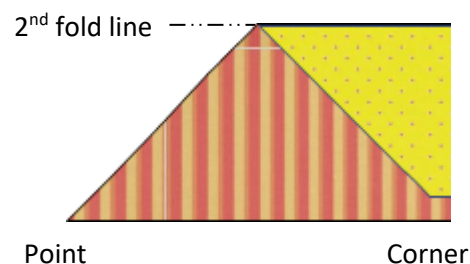
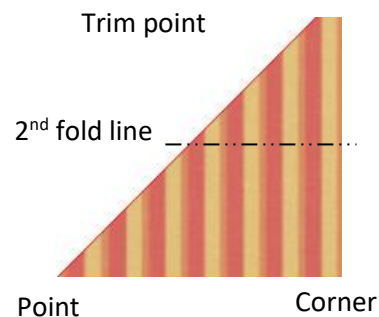
When using striped fabric, check to see that each piece is oriented in the same direction before drawing and sewing.



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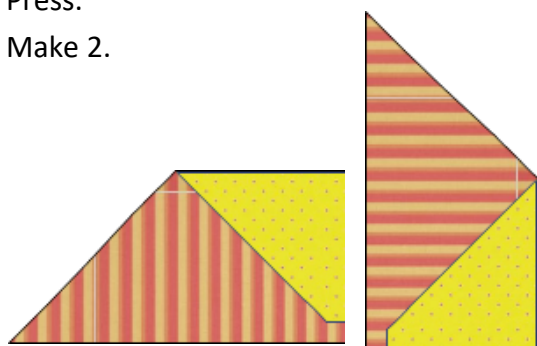
Individual blades

- Place the triangle right side up oriented as shown.
- Trim away approx ¼ inch from top point as illustrated.
- Fold the upper clipped point down toward the corner, stopping about 3/8 inch from the lower corner.
- Pin the flap in place.
- Make 4.

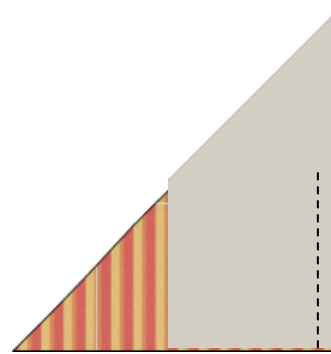


Assembly

- Place 2 blades as shown below.
- Place rst and sew. Note: clipped edges will just meet, do not worry if there is a slight gap, it will be covered with a decorative element in a future step.
- Press.
- Make 2.



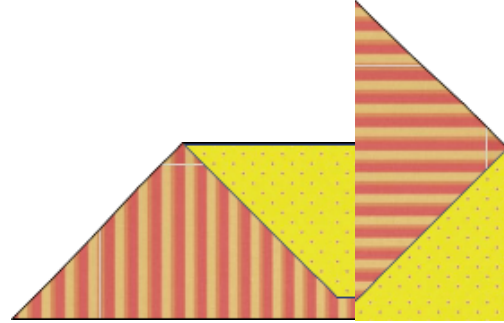
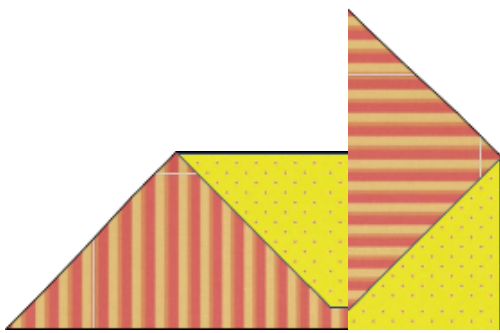
Placement



Sew



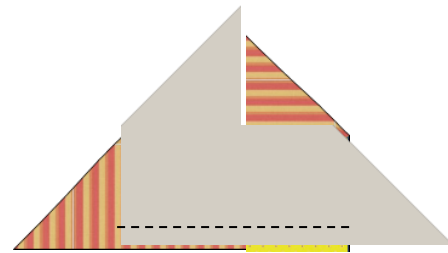
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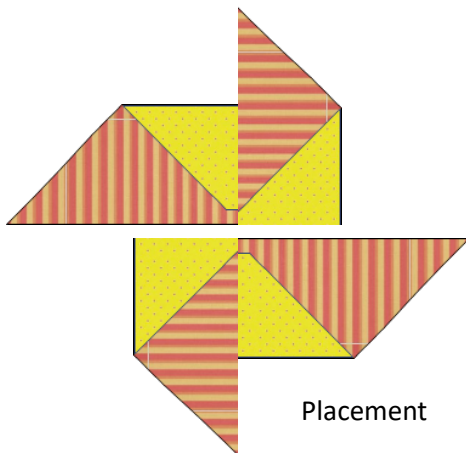
Make 2

Assembly

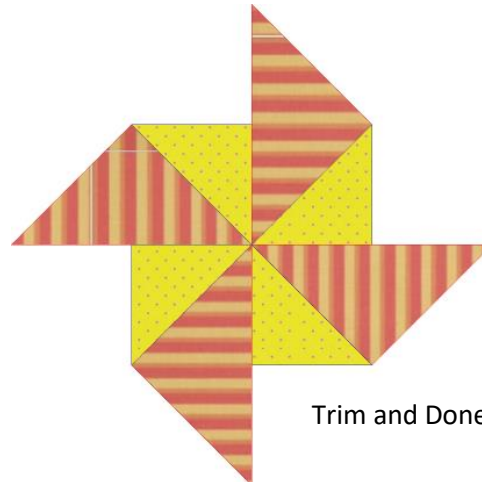
- Place new 2- blade units as shown.
- Place rst and sew.
- Press.
- Fold raw edge under and trim.



Sew



Placement



Trim and Done!