



March 2024 - BOM

# Hope of Hartford

This is a fun pinwheel block featuring a partial seam, which is the focus for March. This block was 1<sup>st</sup> published in *The Farm Journal* in 1945, and was introduced to our Guild in April 1999 when Donna Rae presented it for the Block of the Month!

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Technique = Partial Seams

Block size is a 10 ½ " square.

¼" Seam allowance.

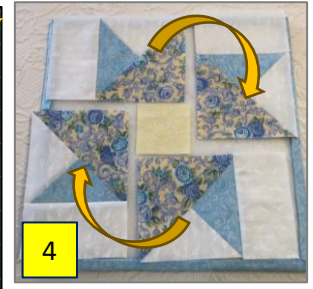
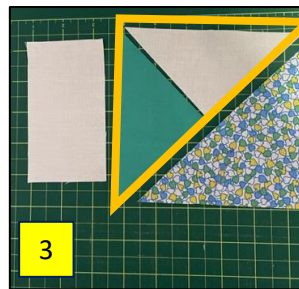
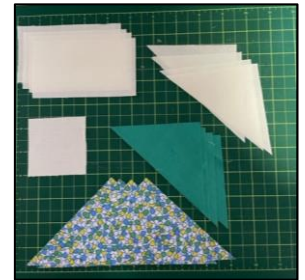
## Fabrics & Cutting

1. Center - 1 x 2.5" square
2. Background – 4 rectangles – 2.5" x 4.5" AND 1 - 5.5" square, then cut each square in half diagonally twice
3. Outer\* pinwheel – 1 – 5.5" square, then cut in half diagonally twice
4. Inner Pinwheel – 2 – 5" square, then cut each in half diagonally

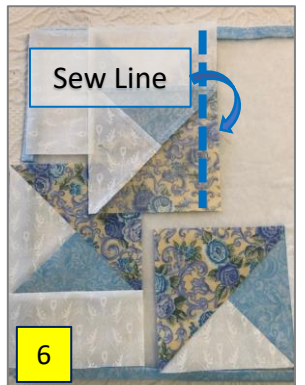
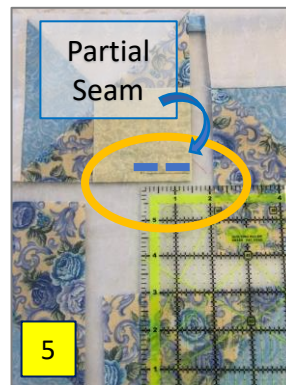
**Colors:** Off white background fabric; Outer pinwheel solid\* fabric (or reads as solid).

## Assembly Steps

1. Make 4 triangle units with one background and one outer pinwheel fabric each (gold triangle in photo #3). Press seam to outer/solid fabric.
2. Add large Inner triangle to each of step #1 triangles creating 4 squares.
3. Add a background rectangle to each block, creating the 4 major block segments that surround the center.
4. Layout blocks as shown in photo #4 around center. Start with the upper left block.
5. Flip Center RST to starter left block. Sew partial seam along blue sew line in photo #5.
6. Press seam away from center (for all blocks).
7. Sew upper right block to left (photo #6).
8. Sew remaining blocks working in a clockwise direction.
9. Final seam completes the initial partial seam AND the block (#7)



**TIP:** The triangles are cut on the bias so to help stabilize the edges and keep from stretching, spray starch can be used.



Bring your block to our next guild meeting to enter the lottery and win that month's collection of blocks! If you can't come to the meeting, you can enter by sharing your block on our BOM Facebook page by 10 am the morning of the Guild Meeting. Each completed block give you one chance to win, whether you are present at the meeting or not. Blocks will be collected from those attending the meeting in person. Everyone else will privately mail their blocks to the winner.