September 2015 Block of the Month: Spools Block



Cutting Instructions:

Background Fabric:

Sixteen 2 inch Squares Eight 2 inch x 3.5 inch Rectangles

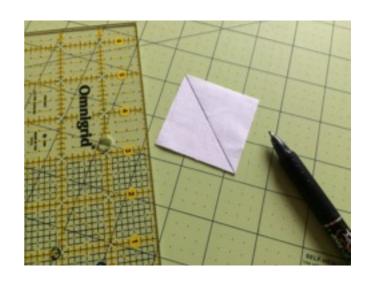
Thread Fabric: Four 3.5 inch squares

Spool Fabric:

Eight 2 x 6.5 inch rectangles

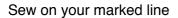
Assembly Instructions:

Take all of your 2 inch squares of the background fabric and draw a line across a diagonal.





Take two of these squares, and arrange as shown on the spool fabric. Ensure that these lines go in the opposite direction and NOT parallel.







Trim 1/4 inch from the sewn line.

Press open. Make a total of 8 of these units.



Next, sew two of your 2 x 3.5 inch rectangles to the 3.5 inch square of "thread" fabric. Make a total of four of these units.

Lay out your spool block as shown, and sew the spool unit to the thread unit. Make a total of 4 of these units.



Next, decide on your layout:







And sew together as a four patch!



Variation:

Use improvisational piecing to change the look of the thread on your spool!

