AMISH PINWHEEL
Block of the Month for November 2010

CUT from black solid – two squares 7”x 7”.

From the first Amish color solid – 2 strips at least 14 ½ in. x 1 ½ in. (these will be cut down later, so it’s important that they are long enough) and

from the second Amish color solid – 2 strips at least 14 ½ in. x 1 ½ in. and 1 strip at least 14½ in. x 1¾ in.

Starting with a 1 3/4 in. wide strip of one color, SEW the strips together, alternating colors and ending with a 1 ¾ strip of the other color. Press seams toward the darker color.

CUT the resulting unit into two squares 7 in. x 7 in. Place these squares onto the black squares with the wrong side up. Draw a line from corner to corner and sew a scant ¼ in. on either side of the line. Press seam toward the black and trim to 6 ½ in. x 6 ½ in. (This is a half-square triangle variation.)

Sew two half-square triangle units together, following the block graphic above for correct placement. Press seam toward the black. Repeat for the second row. Join the rows, being careful to match the points and seams. Press seams toward the black. This will be easier if you carefully release a stitch or two in the seams allowance. You will have a tiny pinwheel in the seam allowance in the center of the back of the block.