

TWIST

August Block of The Month

This block has several different names, Twist Block, Basket Weave, and Bright Hopes. Your finished block should be 12 1/2 inches square.

Check your measurements very carefully. Each block should measure 12 1/2 inches when it is finished. Accuracy from beginning to end will assure that your blocks come out perfectly. Measure carefully, sew carefully, and you will have a perfect block.

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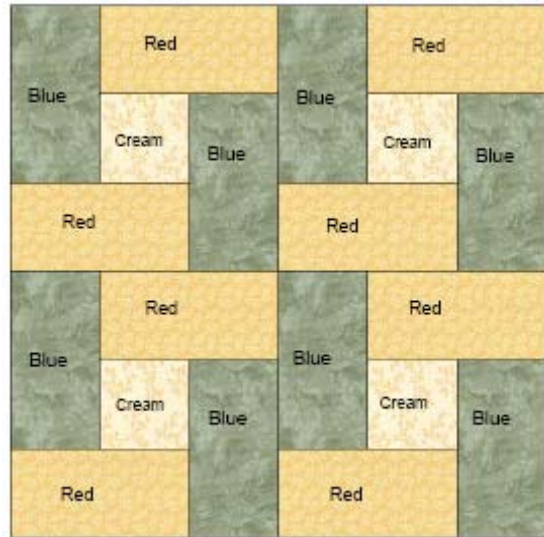
Denim blue, Country red, Creamy ivory/beige

For the Twist Block you will need to:

Cut four 2 1/2 inch squares from CREAM fabric.

Cut eight 2 1/2 by 4 1/2 inch rectangles from a COUNTRY RED fabric.

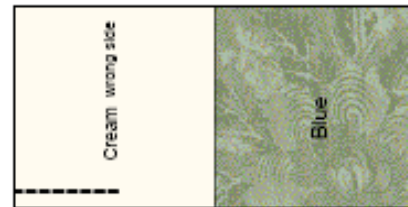
Cut eight 2 1/2 by 4 1/2 inch rectangles from a DENIM BLUE fabric.



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We will take one of the 2 1/2 inch background squares, and add to it in a rotating manner, a 2 1/2 inch X 4 1/2 strip, of alternating colors. It is VERY important that you start each Twist Block with the same color, to achieve the correct order. Press away from the center on your twist blocks.

Step one: Sew your first BLUE rectangle to the CREAM square, but *only* half way! This is very important. You'll come back and finish it later. (You are viewing the rectangle from the RIGHT side of the fabric, and the cream square is the WRONG side.)



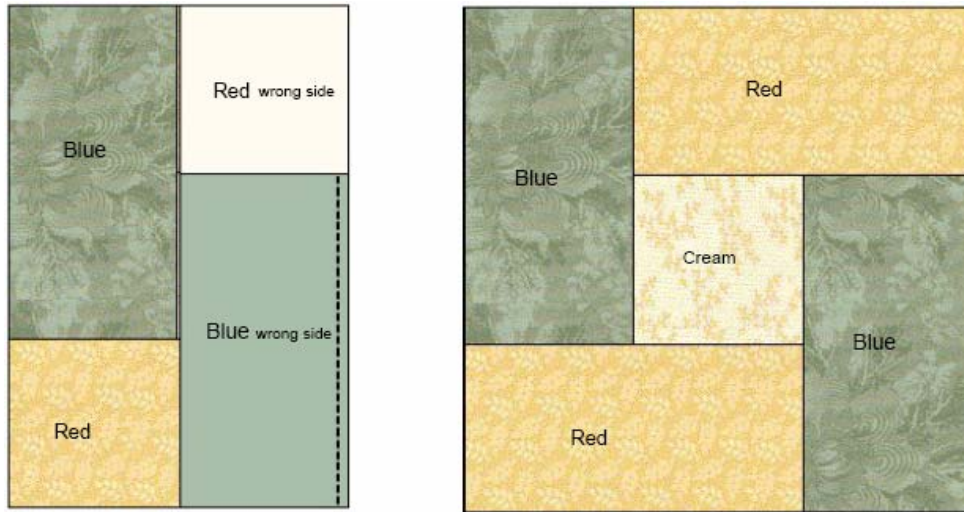
Step two to four: Continue around, adding your strips in order.



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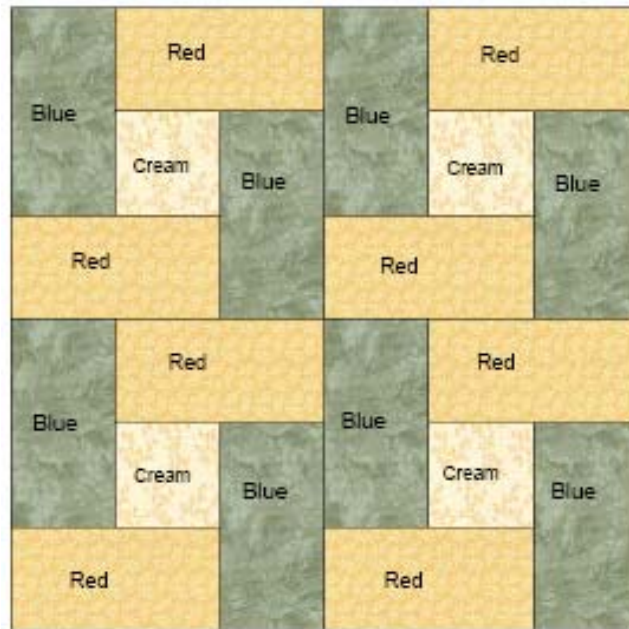
Step Five: sew the rest of your first rectangle down, and your twist square is finished.



This finished unit should measure 6 1/2 inches.

Sew four of these units. Sew the four units together to complete one block. Assemble as shown below.

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