

This is a fun block, and if you have scraps laying around, why not use them up making your spools or the thread. You only need little bits of fabric.

For your background you need eight $21 / 2$ inch squares and eight $27 / 8$ inch squares.

For each spool you need one $21 / 2$ inch square of thread looking fabric, total of four.

For each spool you need two $21 / 2$ inch squares and two $27 / 8$ inch squares of something for your spools, whatever pleases you. Total of eight each size.


First we'll make our spool's top and bottom, not hard at all. Place a spool fabric and background $27 / 8$ inch square right sides together. Carefully draw a line down the center, corner to corner, diagonally across the block. (This will be a cutting line when you are finished.) Now if you have a true $1 / 4$ inch foot on your machine, you can sew on either side of this drawn line. If not, you will have to draw a second line on either side, exactly $1 / 4$ inch from the first line. This will be your sewing line. After you have sewn on your sewing line, $1 / 4$ inch on either side of your corner to corner to line, you will cut this square in half on your cutting line. You will now have two diagonal half-squares, which should measure exactly $21 / 2$ inches. Repeat and then you are ready for the next step.

Place a diagonal half-square on either side of a $21 / 2$ inch square and a top (or bottom) of the spool is finished. Repeat and the other end of the spool is done.


[^0]Now the thread part, which is easy. Just sew a background square on either side of your thread.


Put one spool block together, it should measure $61 / 2$ inches.


You can now repeat the same steps and make the other three. Then assemble your Spools Block which should finish $121 / 2$ inches.


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