

Spools

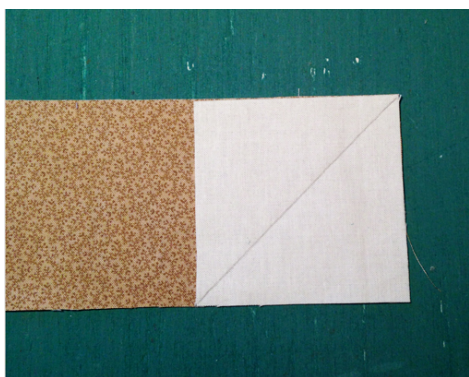
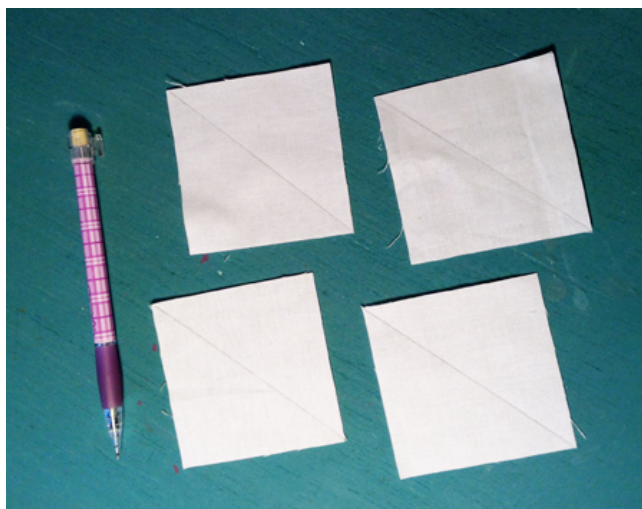
For this 12" finished Spool quilt block, you'll need these pieces:



- Spool fabric (brown): 2 at 3" x 12.5"
- Thread fabric (ANY stripe): 1 at 7.5" x 7.5"
- Background fabric (white): 4 – 3" x 3" squares and 2 – 3" x 7.5" rectangles

You'll use the [stitch-and-flip method](#) to create the spool ends.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 3" background square. Mark all four of the 3" background squares on the diagonal. Be sure to place the ruler ever-so-slightly to the side of the diagonal, so that the line you draw is actually right on the diagonal center.



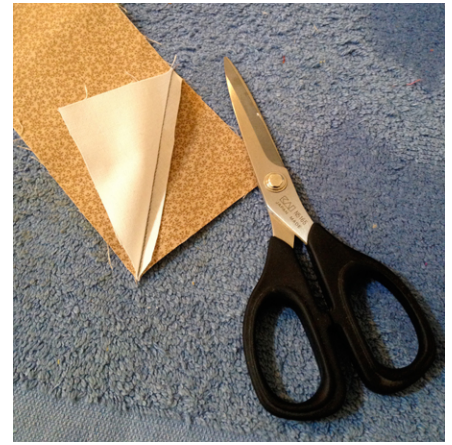
Place a marked square at the end of one brown rectangle as shown.

Sew just a touch to the side of the drawn line, closer to the corner that will be trimmed away.

After the seam is complete, trim away the white patch as shown below, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.

Optional – Leave the entire light brown patch in place.

Press the white patch open. Repeat for the other end, orienting the seams as mirror images so you get the effect of spool ends. Make two spool end units.



Sew the white rectangles to the sides of the striped patch as shown below, **notice the orientation of the stripes.**



Use pin-matching and longer stitches to perfectly match the tricky areas of the thread and spool units. Then finish joining the three sections to complete the block.