

Paper Pinwheels - A Quilt for Charity

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Fabrics Required Finished block size - 10" Finished quilt size - 50" x 60" (before borders are added)

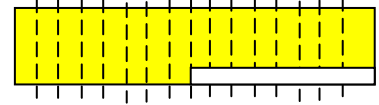
Select **four** fabrics that will mix and match well. Use fabrics that are medium to small prints or tone on tone. There should be good contrast between the fabrics so that one will not fade into the adjoining fabric.

Four Fabrics	1 yard of each	Border (optional)	1½ yards
Backing	3¼ yards		(This is enough for a single border. With this border the quilt will measure 60" x 70".
Binding	¾ yard		You will need 3 5/8 yards for the backing and a batting that is approximately 68" x 78".
Batting to fit	Approx. 58" x 68"		

Cutting

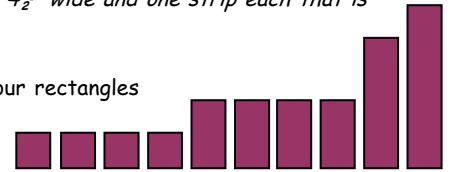
FROM EACH FABRIC:

- ✓ Cut one strip that are 10½" wide by the width of the fabric and then cut into 8 rectangles 10½" x 2½".
- ✓ CUT THE REMAINDER OF THE STRIP to 8½" wide. Cut this strip into 8 rectangles 8½" x 2½".
- ✓ Cut four strips that are 4½" wide by the width of the fabric and then cut into 64 rectangles 4½" x 2½".
- ✓ Cut two strips that 2½" wide by the width of the fabric and then cut into 64 squares 2½" x 2½".

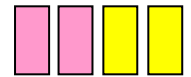


NOTE: You may use 8 fabrics for more variety. From each fabric cut two strips 4½" wide and one strip each that is 10½" wide, and 2½" wide. Follow the cutting and packing instructions below.

Pin together one rectangle that is 2½" x 10½", one rectangle that is 2½" x 8½", four rectangles that are 4½" x 2½" and four squares that are 2½" x 2½". These pieces should all be of the SAME FABRIC. You should have 32 "sets".



Working with one "set" (of rectangles and squares) at a time, select two rectangles (2½" x 4½") of a fabric and two rectangles (2½" x 4½") of a second fabric from the remaining rectangles that coordinate well and contrast the selected set. Add these four rectangles to selected set. Repeat with all 32 sets. Each set will have one very long rectangle, one long rectangle, four medium rectangles and four squares all of the same fabric. There should also be two rectangles of another fabric and two rectangles of a third fabric.

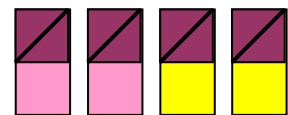


Piecing of the blocks - Use an accurate ¼" seam!

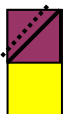
1. Work with one set of rectangles at a time, or if there are multiple sets that have the same 2½" squares, you may work with all of them at the same time. Find the diagonal center of each 2½" square. You may draw a line lightly on the wrong side or FINGER PRESS the squares in half diagonally.



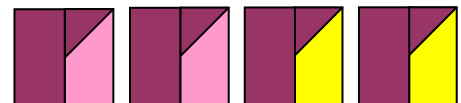
2. Layer a 2½" square right side together with a 2½" x 4½" rectangle of a *different* fabric. Carefully line up the raw edges of the square with the raw edges of the rectangle. Sew in the drawn or pressed line so the seam is in the direction illustrated, outer edge to outer edge. Fold the triangle on the stitching line and press in place.



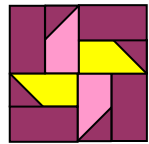
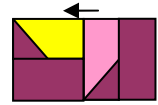
3. Trim off the corners as illustrated. Make two units using one fabric and two units using another fabric, both of these fabrics are different than the square fabric.



4. Sew a 2½" x 4½" rectangle of the same fabric as the corner to the left side of each rectangle. Press the seam toward the rectangle. Make two of each.

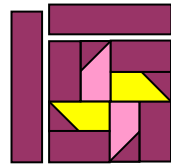
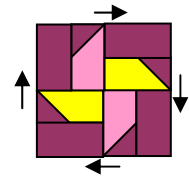


5. Lay out the four units to form the pinwheel block. Sew the units into pairs. Press the center seam as illustrated.



6. Sew the pairs together to make the pinwheel blocks.

7. "Pop" the center seam so that the seams swirl around the center. Press the blocks carefully.



8. Make 30 pinwheel blocks. You will have two "sets" leftover.

9. Sew the matching $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangle (spacer strip) to one side of the pinwheel block. Press the seam toward the rectangle.

10. Sew the matching $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangle (spacer strip) to an adjacent side of the pinwheel block as illustrated. Press the seam toward the rectangle.

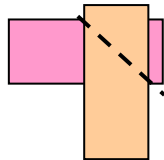
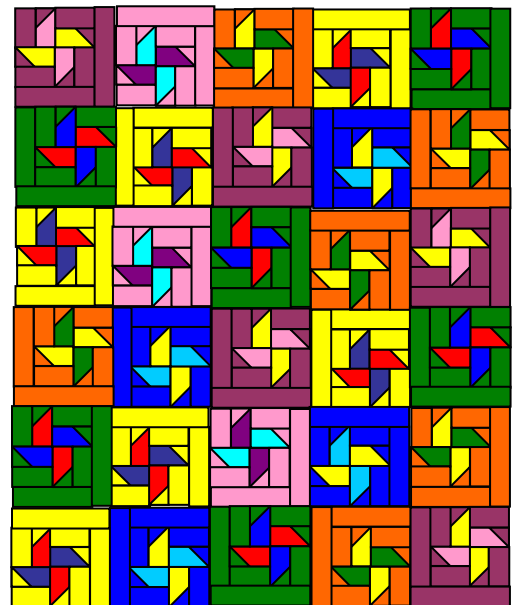
Assembling the quilt top

11. Lay out the blocks in a pleasing pattern, five rows of blocks across the quilt top by six rows of blocks top to bottom. Turn the blocks so that the spacer strips in the top row alternate in the upper right corner of the block and the upper right corner of the block. In the next row the spacer strips will alternate in the lower left corner of the block and the upper left corner of the block. The third row will be the same as the top row. The fourth row will be the same as the second row. Continue in this manner to lay out all of the blocks.

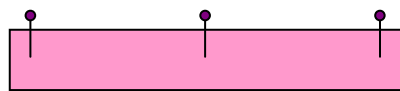
12. Sew the blocks into rows. Press the seams toward the spacer strips.

13. Join the rows together. Press the seams toward the spacer strips.

14. *A border is optional!* If you would like to add a border cut 8 strips $5\frac{1}{2}''$ wide.



15. Join two strips with a diagonal seam. Press the seam to one side. Repeat this with all the border strips so there are four long border strips.



16. Measure and mark two of the border strips at $60\frac{1}{2}''$. (Use a pin to mark the center of the strip, and then measure from that pin one half of the measurement in each direction.) Sew these borders to the sides of the quilt top. Press the seam toward the border. (After the border is in place and pressed, trim the ends equal to the raw edge of the quilt top.)

17. Measure and mark the remaining border strips at $60\frac{1}{2}''$. Sew these borders to the sides of the quilt top. Press the seam toward the border.

18. Layer the quilt top with the batting and backing. If you plan to machine quilt, baste the layers together with safety pins.

19. For simple machine quilting stitch in the ditch between the rows or consider an over all pattern. . The lines can extend into the border or you can add a simple border pattern.

20. Finish the edges of the quilt with bias binding.

21. Sign your quilt and give it to someone special with love!