

Pinwheel Baby Quilt

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Finished size 39 1/2" x 49"



This quilt is a great way to use up scraps, or you can pick coordinating fabrics to make your own version. The blocks are big enough that they make up quickly. I recommend that you read through all the instructions before beginning to cut and sew.

Materials Needed:

An assortment of scraps to equal 1 yard for the blocks

You can use 5" charm squares for the blocks -- you'll need 2 of each color.

There are 20 blocks, so you need 40 5" squares, or 20 matching pairs

2 yards of white background fabric, which is also used for the sashing

1 fat quarter for cornerposts

1/2 yard for binding

1 1/2 yards for backing

45" x 55" piece of batting

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

From the background fabric, cut:

40 squares 5" x 5" (for the blocks) On the back side of each of these squares, draw a diagonal line with a marking pencil

49 strips 2" x 8 1/2" (for the sashing)

From the block fabrics:

40 squares 5" x 5" in pairs of two. You need 20 pairs of matching squares (2 squares for each block)

From the cornerpost fabric, cut:

30 squares 2" x 2"

From the binding fabric, cut:

5 strips 2 1/4" x width of fabric

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

All seam allowances are 1/4", unless otherwise specified. The quilt consists of 20 blocks that finish at 8" square.

To make one block, match a background square up with a print square, right sides together, with the background square on top so you can see your drawn line. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the drawn line.

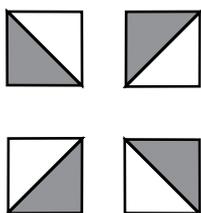


Cut apart ON the drawn line. Press seams toward the darker fabric. You will have two units that look like this.

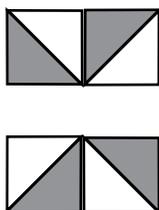


Repeat with the other matching square and another background square so that you have four identical units. These units should measure 4 1/2" square. If you need to trim them down a bit to get them the right size, make sure to trim evenly off all four sides.

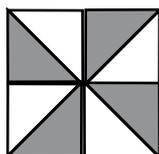
Next, lay out the units as shown below. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure that the units are turned as shown in every block, so that all your pinwheels are “spinning” in the same direction.



Sew the units together in pairs . . .

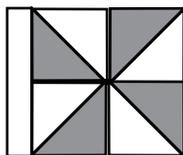


. . . then join the pairs to complete the block. It should measure 8 1/2".

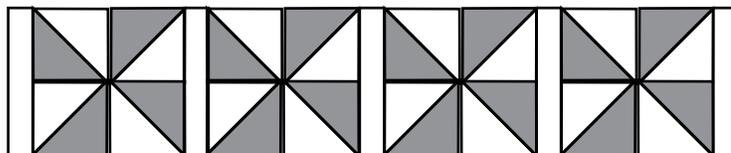


Repeat until you have made 20 blocks.
Now you're ready to set them all together.

You'll need your sashing strips for this step.
Sew a sashing strip to the left side of each block. Press seams toward the strip.



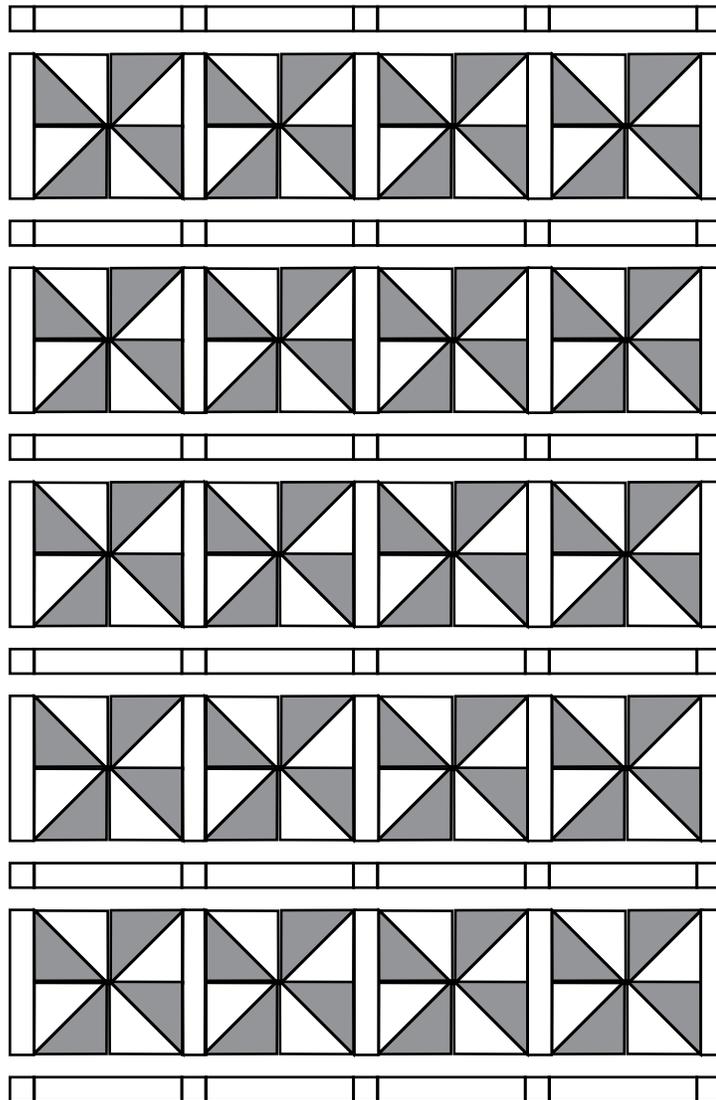
Sew four blocks together into a row, and add one more sashing strip to the right side. Make 5 rows like this.



To make the sashing strips that go between the rows, join 4 sashing strips with 5 cornerpost squares as shown below, pressing seams toward the sashing strips. Make 6 of these long strips.



Sew a strip between each of the 5 rows of blocks, and sew one to the top and one to the bottom. This completes your quilt top.



You are now ready to layer and baste the quilt and quilt it with the design of your choice. The sample quilt was machine quilted with an all-over pantograph design called Mexican Carpet. Use the strips you cut in the beginning to bind the quilt when finished. And don't forget to add a label!

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