



Pinwheel Fun Baby Quilt

Piecing – Judith Hollies

The Pinwheel block is a perennial favourite for children's quilts. Give it a little twist with this delightful quilt.

REQUIREMENTS

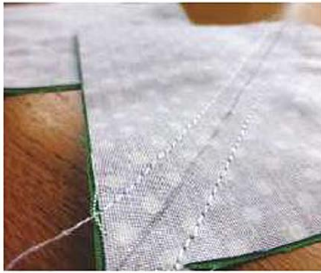


Size: 50" square Block: 12" square

- 8, Fat 1/8 assorted bright solids
- 1 1/2m Grey spot
- 1m White
- 40cm Stripe – binding
- 60" Square wadding
- 3m Backing
- 12 1/2" Square ruler



illust. 1. Pinwheel block



a. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam each side of diagonal line



b. Trim HST units



c. Arrange units



d. Nest seams at centre

illust. 2.



a. Align triangle to side of Pinwheel block



b. Add remaining two triangles



c. Complete block



d. Trim to leave $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

Cutting

Cut across width of fabric

1. From each bright solid cut: four, 4" squares.
2. From grey spot cut: three, 4" strips sub cut into: thirty, 4" squares, four, $5\frac{1}{4}$ " strips sub cut into: thirty two, $5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares. Cut squares in half along diagonal to make sixty four triangles, four, $4\frac{3}{4}$ " strips sub cut into: thirty two, $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares. Cut squares in half along diagonal to make sixty four triangles, two, 4" squares.
3. From white cut: nineteen, 2" strips sub cut into: thirty two, 2" x 9" rectangles, thirty two, 2" x 12" rectangles.
4. From stripe cut: five, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips – binding.

Piecing

Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance throughout

- 1a. Take 4" grey spot squares and draw diagonal line on wrong side of each square.
- b. Place one grey dot square right sides together with one, 4" bright solid square and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam each side of diagonal line, illust. 1a.

- c. Repeat with second pair of 4" squares the same colour.
- d. Cut squares in half along drawn line to make four, Half Square Triangle units.
- e. Using a square ruler, trim each unit so it measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square, illust. 1b.

tip:

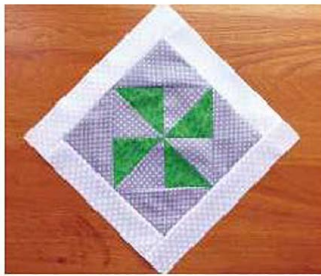
Align diagonal line on ruler with diagonal seam of HST unit

- 2a. Arrange HST units in two rows of two units, illust. 1c.
- b. Join units together in pairs. Press seams towards coloured solid.
- c. Join rows together, taking care to butt/nest the seams at centre, illust. 1d.
- d. Block should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
3. Repeat with remaining 4" grey spot and coloured solid squares to make total of sixteen Pinwheel blocks.
- 4a. Take one, $5\frac{1}{4}$ " grey spot triangle and make a crease on its longest side to find its centre.
- b. Match crease with seam on one side of one Pinwheel block, illust. 2a.
- c. Note triangle will overhang side of block by approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ " at each end.
- d. Join triangle to block.
- e. Join second triangle to opposite side of block.
- f. Press seams open.

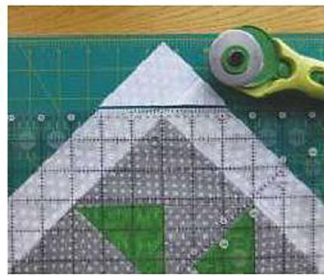
Quilting detail



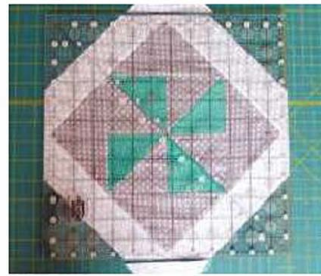
illust. 3. Completing block



a. Add white rectangles



b. Trim excess



c. Trim remaining corners



d. Complete block

tip. Take care not to stretch bias edges of triangles when sewing.

- 5a. Add two more triangles to remaining sides of block in same way, *illust. 2b*.
- b. Trim block so it measures 9" square. Ensure there is $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance beyond each corner of Pinwheel block, *illust. 2c* and *illust. 2d*.
- 6a. Take two, 2" x 9" white rectangles and join to opposite sides of block.
- b. Press seams towards grey spot.
- c. Join two, 2" x 12" white strips to remaining two sides in same way, *illust. 3a*.
- 7a. Place block on point on cutting mat and position 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square ruler on top, aligning 6" line on ruler with centre of Pinwheel block and $\frac{1}{4}$ " above and below grey triangle corners.
- b. Cut off excess top and bottom, *illust. 3b*.
- c. Rotate block 90° and trim remaining two corners in similar manner, *illust. 3c*.

Corner detail



- 8a. Take four, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " grey spot triangles and join one to opposite edge of each white rectangle.
- b. Using square ruler, trim 'ears', *illust. 3d*.
- 9. Repeat with each Pinwheel block to make total of sixteen blocks.

Assembly

- 1a. Refer to *quilt layout* and arrange blocks in four rows of four blocks.
- b. Ensure an even balance of colour.
- 2a. Join blocks together in rows, taking care to match white strips and points.
- b. Press seams open.
- c. Join rows together in same way to complete quilt top.

Completion

- 1a. Make quilt sandwich with quilt top, wadding and backing.
- b. Pin or baste layers.
- 2. Quilt as desired.
- 3. Double bind edges with 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " stripe binding strips.
- 4. Add a hanging sleeve, if wished and a label.

Enjoy!

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Quilt layout

