



## Pinwheel in Pieces



Approx. finished size: 40" by 55" excluding borders  
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### **Fabrics requirements:**

10 Fat  $\frac{1}{4}$ 's – that tone/contrast (or 5 x 1/2 m )  
Plus optional borders

### **Essential equipment:**

Rotary cutter, mat and ruler  
square up square ruler at least 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Large square ruler for your 9" squares if your board is not imperial.

### **Cutting Instructions**

You will need to cut the fabric into squares that are 9" square – you will get 4 from each fat  $\frac{1}{4}$  - so 40 squares

### **Workshop Notes**

#### **Designwork:**

Once cut you need to pair them up – 2 of one colour with 2 of another.  
Create as many variations as you can.

#### **Sewing**

Once you have selected the fabric into pairs – each set will create a pinwheel:  
You need to draw a diagonal line across the back of the lighter fabric; place it right-side down on its mate and sew either side of the drawn line –  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from it.

Cut up the drawn line; press seams to one side; you will now have 4 half-square triangles in that colour selection.

Sew together in a pinwheel.

Repeat the process with the rest of the fabrics to make 10 pinwheels

Press pinwheels with seams open across the middles – both vertically and horizontally.

### **Cutting apart**

You will now be cutting these large pinwheels into pieces.

Save one (or two) that you REALLY love to stay whole.\*

With the others, you need to cut 2 ¾" from either side of the central seams – both vertically and horizontally (**it does work better if you don't move the pinwheel while you are doing this – best to walk round your work or turn the cutting mat**).

Keep the central small pinwheel and put aside;

Trim all the other pieces so that they are 5 ½" square – that will mean both the half-square triangle pieces and the twin rectangles.

Pile up as half-squares or rectangle sets and keep safe until the design stage.

\* Take the large pinwheels and trim these now to an accurate 15½" square (which is 7.75" from both sides of the centre and vertical lines).

### **Design:**

This quilt has 11 rows of 8 pieces (or the equivalent where your large pinwheels are)

There is no set way of putting the pieces out – it will depend on your colour choices and how many large pinwheels you have opted to keep (if any) – and therefore no setting is WRONG!

The pictures will hopefully give you a guide – albeit they are very different.

### **Sewing the design together:**

Where the row is complete, sew as usual.

If the row has a large pinwheel in it, create the rows either side of it, and then add it in as a section.

You will need to do the same if you have created some medium pinwheels (i.e. with half square triangles)

Create as many sections as you need before sewing them together to form your quilt.

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