

Prairie Pinwheels

Using 5" Charm Squares Designed by Joyce Griffiths

66 1/2" x 71 1/2"

Fabric Requirements:

121 5" squares of assorted medium/dark fabric for pinwheel blocks

4 yds. of background fabric for pinwheel blocks and plain blocks

1 5/8 yds. Dark fabric for border & binding

Cutting:

From background fabric: Cut 15 strips 5" x width of fabric (WOF). Subcut into 121 5" squares.

Cut 6 strips 5 1/2" x WOF. Subcut into 41 squares 5 1/2" x 5 1/2".

From dark fabric: Cut 7 strips 6" x WOF for borders.

Cut 8 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for binding.

To make a Pinwheel block:

1. Pin a medium/dark 5" square and a background 5" square, right sides together, and sew all the way around, using a 1/4" seam. (Diagram 1)
2. Cut the piece in half on the diagonal twice to yield 4 half square triangle units (HSTs). Press pieces toward the dark. (Diagram 2) **Square up each HST to 3"**. (Do not skip this step or your blocks will be too big!)
3. Lay out the pieces on your table according to the diagram and sew together like a 4-patch block. Press seams toward the dark. Block will measure 5 1/2". Repeat steps 1-3 to make 121 pinwheels. (Diagram 3)

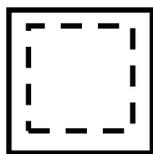


Diagram 1

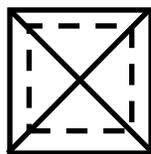


Diagram 2

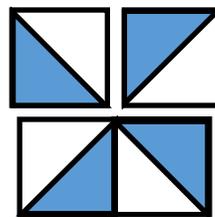


Diagram 3

(Seam allowances not shown)

Note: For an easy online tutorial, go to YouTube and search "Disappearing Pinwheel". Be sure to STOP at the point where you have a pinwheel made. DO NOT chop it up!

To assemble quilt:

For Row 1, lay out 10 pinwheel blocks and 1 5 1/2" background square according to Diagram 4. Sew together and press seams toward the right.

Using Diagram 5 as a guideline for block placement, continue piecing rows in the same manner, alternating direction of pressing for each row so that seams will "nest".

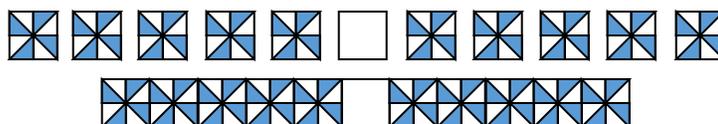
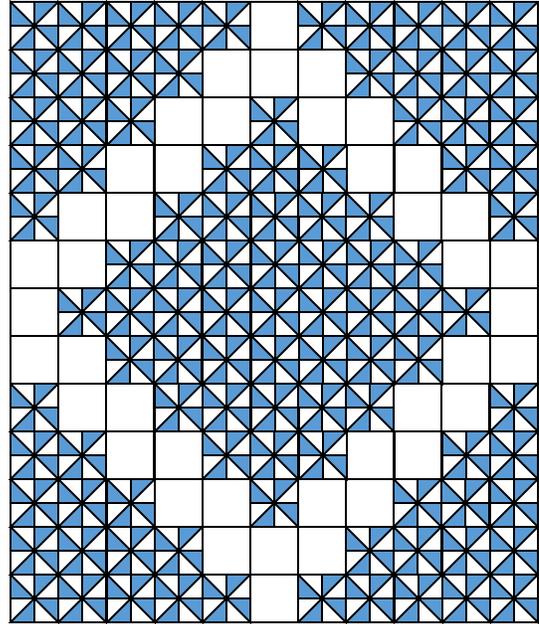


Diagram 4

Sew rows together. Press seams toward top of quilt. Top will measure 55 1/2" x 65 1/2".



Finishing Quilt:

Sew all border strips together to make one long strip. Measure the length of top through the center and cut 2 strips that measure this length. Sew one strip to each side of the top. Press seams toward border.

Measure the width of top through the center and cut 2 strips that measure this width. Sew one strip to the top of the quilt, and one strip to the bottom. Press seams toward border.

Layer, baste and quilt as desired.

Add binding.

Don't forget to label your quilt!

