

Pinwheels at Night

Designed, made, and quilted by Donna Heppler
Finished size: 66" x 90"

I have always liked pinwheels. They remind me of being young, with no cares, of just being fascinated by how the wind makes a pinwheel spin. When I first designed this quilt, I used pastels to piece the first block, but I quickly decided to switch to brighter fabrics to achieve a more dramatic effect. Although I have used a wide variety of colors, the white fabric used in every block and the polka dot fabric used in the pinwheel centers, posts, and binding help tie the quilt together and give it a unified look.

Materials

Yardage (based on 42" fabric from selvage to selvage)

- Fabric 1: 6 yds. black
- Fabric 2: 2 yds. light with polka dots
- Fabric 3: ¼ yd. each of 17 assorted brights
- Fabric 4: ½ yd. black with polka dots
- Batting: 2¼ yds. or pre-packaged twin size
- Backing: 6 yds.
- Binding: ½ yd.

Cutting

(See Quilt Layout Diagram)
Cut all fabric crosswise, from selvage to selvage, unless otherwise instructed.

Pinwheel Block

(Fig. 1)

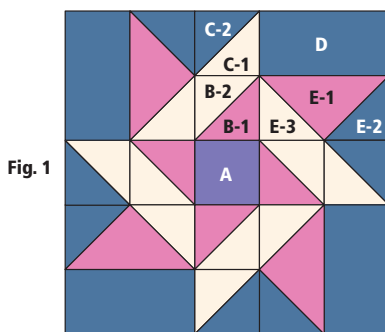


Fig. 1

FABRIC 4

Cut six 2½" strips, then cut as follows:

PIECE A: Cut these strips into 2½" squares for a total of 35 squares.

PIECE F: Cut the remaining strips into 2½" squares for a total of 48 posts.

FABRIC 3

PIECE B-1: Cut five 3" strips from the assorted brights, and then cut each strip into 3" squares for a total of 70 squares.

PIECE E-1: Cut nine 4½" strips from the assorted brights, and then cut each strip into 4½" x 2½" rectangles for a total of 140 rectangles.

FABRIC 2

PIECE B-2: Cut five 3" strips, and then cut each strip into 3" squares for a total of 70 squares.

PIECE C-1: Cut five 3" strips, and then cut each strip into 3" squares for a total of 70 squares.

PIECE E-3: Cut nine 2½" strips, and then cut each strip into 2½" squares for a total of 140 squares.

FABRIC 1

PIECE C-2: Cut five 3" strips, and then cut each strip into 3" squares for a total of 70 squares.

PIECE D: Cut nine 4½" strips, and then cut each strip into 4½" x 2½" rectangles for a total of 140 rectangles.

PIECE E-2: Cut nine 2½" strips, and then cut each strip into 2½" squares for a total of 140 squares.

PIECE G: Cut (21) 2½" strips and then cut each strip into 10½" rectangles for a total of 82 rectangles.

PIECE H: Cut nine 2½" strips.