

Little Things

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Requirements

The fabric requirements below can be made up from whatever you have in your stash or left over from your Mystery quilt.

- One hundred and twenty eight **left over** Half Square triangles from

Step One trimmed to 2" square

OR cut the following pieces

- Sixty four 2 3/4" x 2 3/4" coloured squares
- Sixty four 2 3/4" x 2 3/4" contrast/ background squares

Inner sashings

- Thirty Two 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" pieces
- Eight 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" squares

Block borders

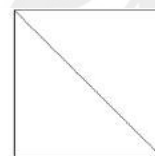
- Sixteen 2" x 7 1/2" pieces
- Sixteen 2" x 10 1/2" pieces

From 1 metre Background Fabric cut

- One 16" strip (WOF) then cut two 16" x 16" squares and two 8" x 8" squares
- One 14 1/2" strip (WOF). Check that your WOF measures 43" wide.

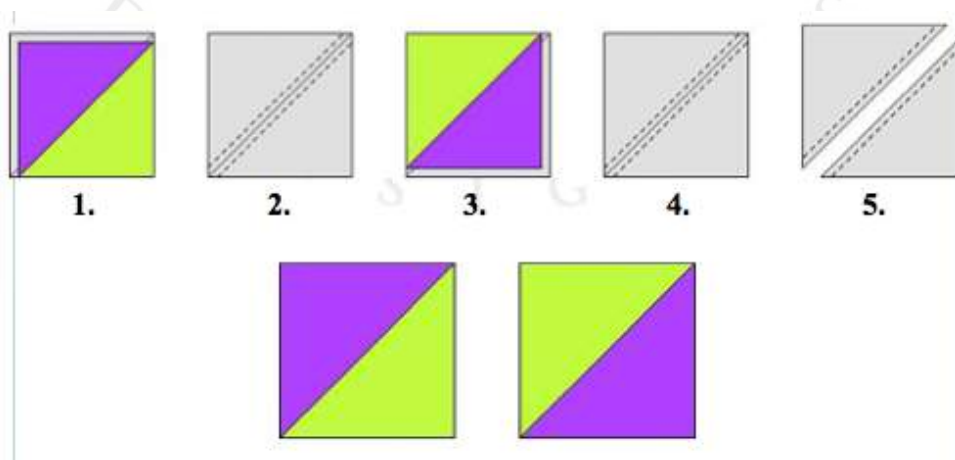
Half Square Triangles

Draw a fine line across one diagonal of the 2 3/4" background squares.



3. With this technique I like to press the triangles open before I cut, I find the triangles stay more stable and don't distort as the seams are pressed.
4. Use the diagram as a guide, place the fabric you want the seams pressed towards on the top, press flat to set the seams then press open one side (1), flip back (2) then press open the other side (3).
5. Flip the second side back (4), now cut along the drawn line (5) and re-press both sets again.

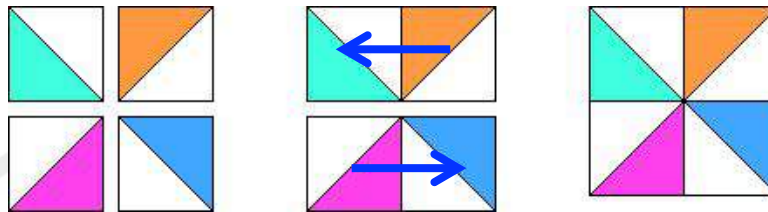
You will have **128 Half square triangles**



3. You now need to trim all of the Half Square Triangles to measure 2" x 2" square making sure you place the 45 degree line along the centre seam and check the seam runs directly through both corners.

Step One

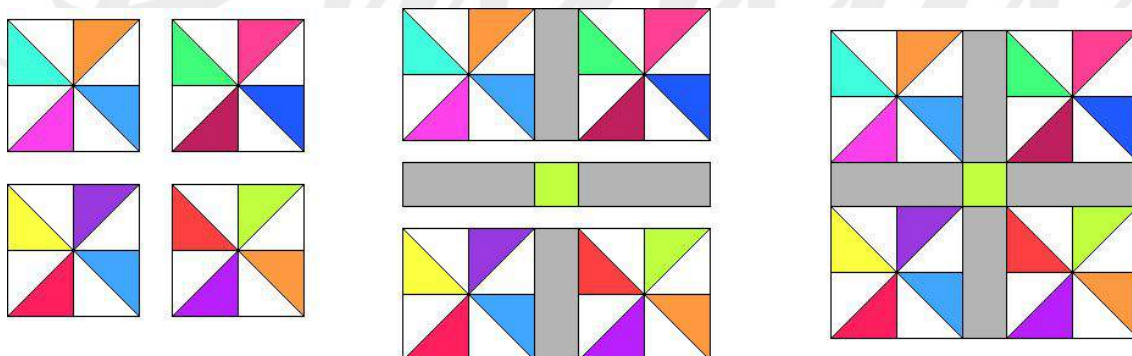
1. Using the diagram as a guide lay out four Half Square Triangles in order. Sew together into pairs, pressing the seams in opposite directions.
2. Sew the pairs together matching and pinning the centre seams, press the seams open. Make 32 Pin Wheel blocks



Step Two

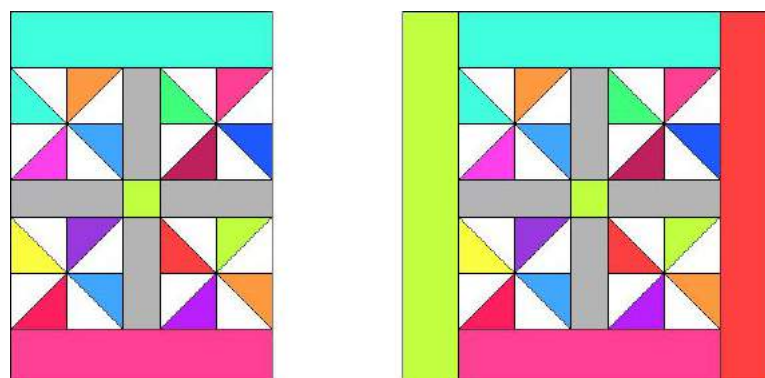
1. Choose four pin wheel blocks then using two $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ sashing pieces square sew the pin wheel blocks together into pairs. Press the seams towards the sashing
2. Sew two $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ sashing pieces on either side of a $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$ square, press the seams towards the sashings.
3. Sew the two sets together with the pieced sashing strip matching and pinning the seams. Press the seams towards the sashings. The block will now measure $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$ square.

Make Eight blocks.



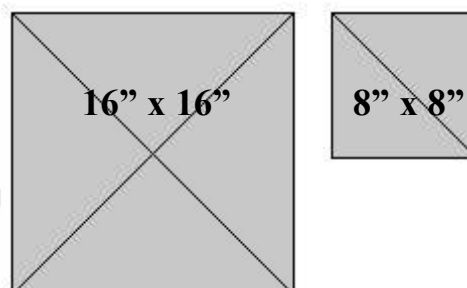
Step Three

1. Sew a $2'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$ border piece to opposite sides of the pinwheel block, press towards the border.
 2. Sew a $2'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ border piece to the remaining two sides of the block, press the seams towards the borders.
- The blocks will now measure $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$



Setting and Corner Triangles

1. Cut the two 16" x 16" large background squares across both diagonals to yield setting (side) triangles.
Then the two 8" x 8" background squares across one diagonal to yield corner triangles.

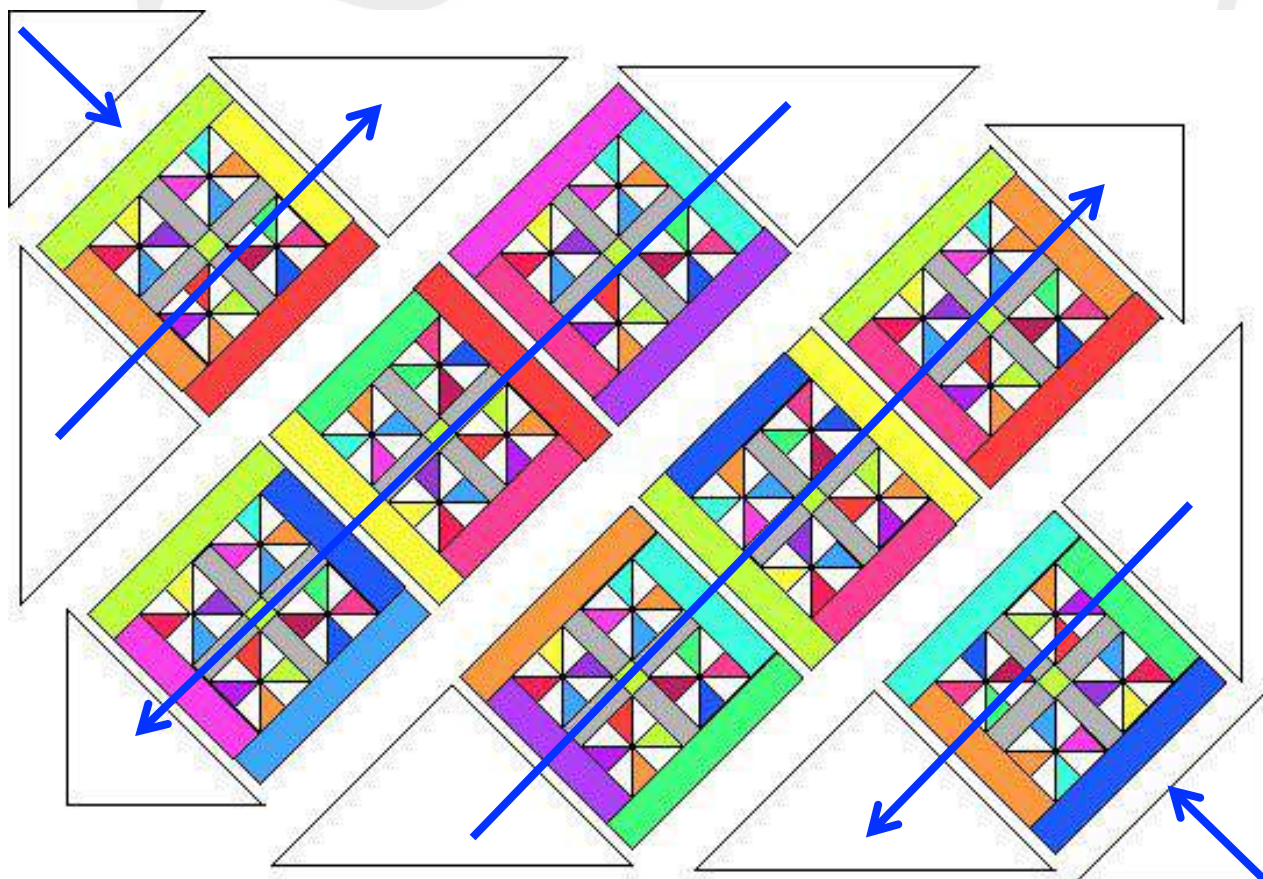


You will need

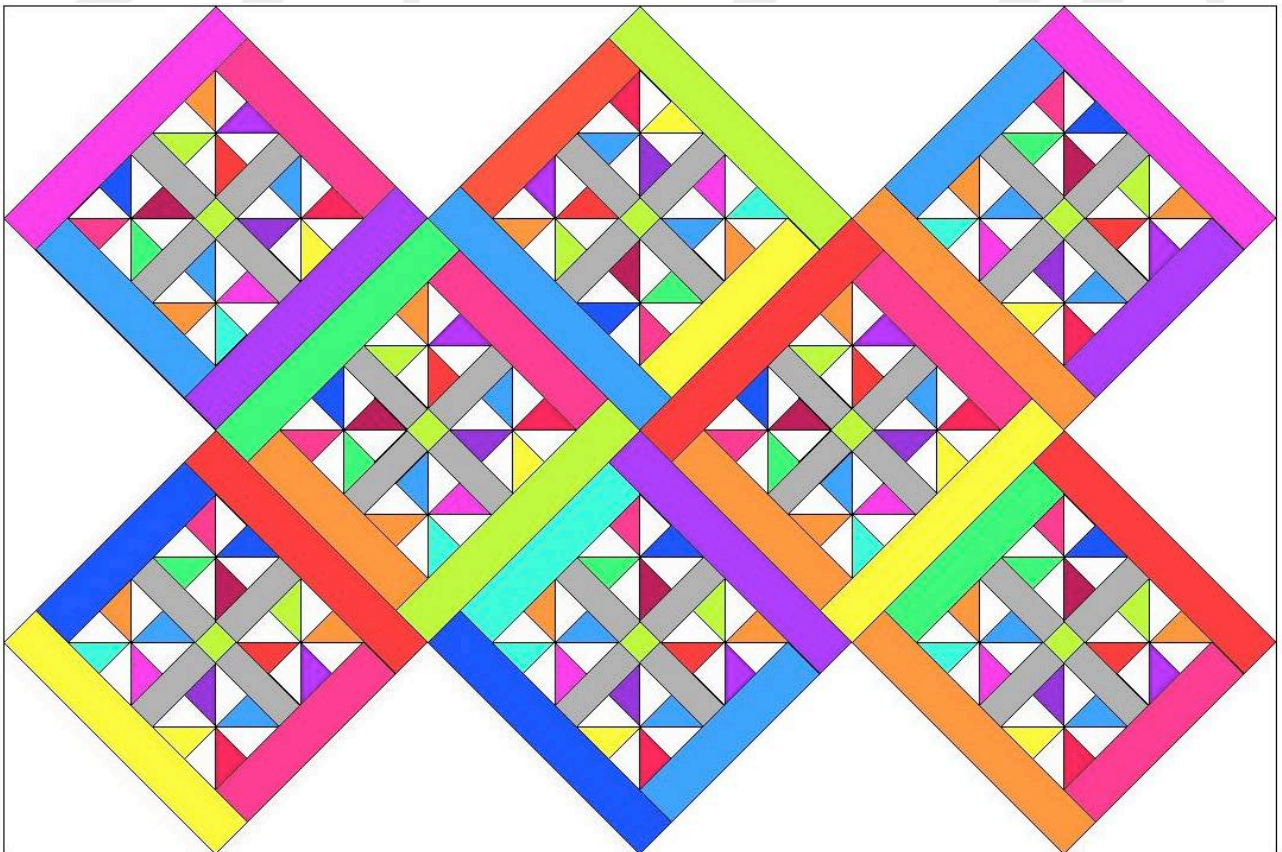
6 Setting & 4 Corner triangles

Assembling the quilt

1. Following the diagram below and the full diagram on the next page lay out the blocks until your happy with the order, place the setting (side) triangles at the end of each row in the spaces and the corner triangles in each corner.
2. Following the diagram below sew your diagonal rows together with the triangles, make sure the right angle edges of your side triangles line up with the blocks and the corner triangles are centered. When pressing the seams in each row, alternate which way they go so they nest nicely when putting the rows together.



3. The quilt should now measure approx. 28 ½" x 43".
4. Sew the 14 ½" background piece onto one side of the pieced top, or if preferred cut the 14 ½" piece in half down the length and sew on strip to either side.



Basting

Lay out the backing right side down on a large flat surface, tape the edges taut and square. Centre the batting over the backing and smooth out any wrinkles. Centre the quilt top right side up on the batting and smooth out any wrinkles as you go. Baste the three layers together with your preferred method.

Quilting Suggestions

1. This Quilt would also look beautiful with an all over design in a soft swirl or floral shape.
2. You could choose to ditch stitch all the seams around the block borders and in the blocks, with straight lines through the setting, corner triangles and background area.
3. I have quilted in the ditch along the block borders and continued through into the background area repeating all the lines of the block. I have then used an orange peel shape across the pinwheels blocks and repeated in the background area.

Binding

1. Join the required amount of 2 ½" binding strips end to end with 45-degree seams.
2. Trim the seams and press them open then press the binding in half lengthwise with wrong sides facing.
3. Beginning about halfway along one side, join the binding to the edge of the quilt, mitre each corner as you go. Trim the batting and backing ¼" from the edge of the quilt top. Then turn the folded edge of the binding to the back of the quilt and hand-stitch it in place.
4. Label the quilt with your name and the completion date.