

# Patches & Pinwheels!



Quilt size: 86" X 86"  
Block size: 6"

(this is after quilting and washing. And we all know about shrinkage!)



Quilt Retreats are perfect for finishing UFOs that have been lurking around! My former guild in North Augusta SC holds a retreat at Hickory Knob resort every January! Fun fun fun for 4 days and I finally finished this **16-patch & Pinwheels** quilt in January 2004!

I love how it turned out and gave it a place of honor on the antique guest bed.

I had been working on these 16 patch blocks and pinwheel blocks during sit and sew days at the local quilt shop! I used 2" strips from the 2" strip bin in darks and lights to make the 16 patch blocks. The triangles were cut from 3.5" strips using the easy-angle ruler! I love this ruler...it works with the sizes of strips I like to keep on hand, and I don't have to worry about adding that 7/8" to the finished size of the

triangle to figure out what size to cut! This quilt was inspired by an antique quilt I saw on eBay.

**\*NOTE\*** This quilt was made before my own Essential Triangle Tool became available.

To make this quilt you will need:

Assorted 2" strips separated into lights/darks  
Assorted 3.5" strips separated into lights/darks.

For 16 patches:



Match a light 2" strip to a dark 2" strip and stitch right sides together with a 1/4" seam. When you get to the end of the strip pair, don't cut the thread, continue sewing onto another pair until you have several pairs sewn in a long chain of continuous piecing! Then take two pairs and sew them together, in light/dark/light/dark fashion so you have

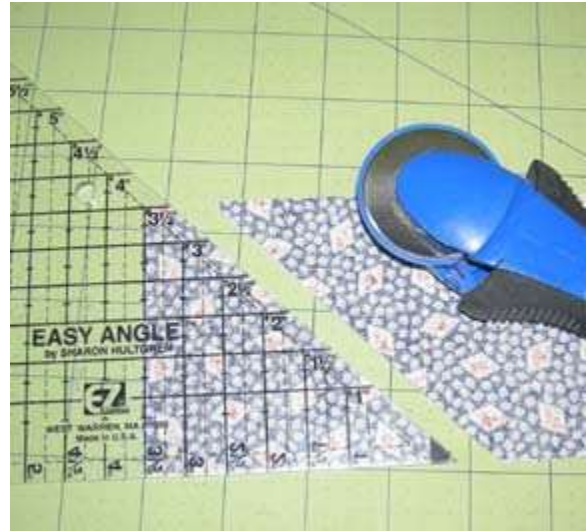
several panels 4 strips wide.

Press the seams towards the dark fabrics.  
Square off the end of each panel, and sub cut into 2" sections.



Arrange strips of squares as desired and stitch into 16 patch blocks!

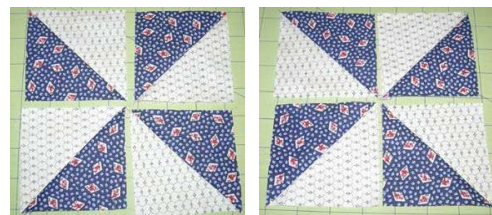
Blocks will measure 6 1/2" unfinished and finish at 6" in the quilt.



For each pinwheel, match a 3.5" light strip right sides together with a 3.5" dark strip. Using the easy angle ruler, follow the 3.5" guidelines on the ruler to cut pairs of matched triangles. Feed the triangles through your machine. Press them open towards the darker fabric and trim dog ears.

\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*

The pinwheels change direction in this quilt every other row! So I assembled this quilt one row at a time so I could get the pinwheels turning in the right direction!



Row A

Row B

You will want to pay attention to which pinwheels go where. It adds a lot of motion to the quilt!

I also made about 4 different variations of pinwheels:

Version 1: All blades the same fabric as above.



Version 2: 3 blades the same, with one "maverick" blade!



Version 3: two pairs of blades!



Version 4: all blades from the same color family, but all different fabrics!

Doing pinwheels this way added to the "vintage" feel of the quilt and helped me use up every triangle pair I had cut!

I laid out the blocks 13 X 13, putting the pinwheels in their right rows so they were spinning in opposite directions every other row. I added a 2.5" cut inner border of a shirting stripe and added a 5" cut outer border of a diagonal plaid that also added to the old time feel!





Close up of piecing and quilting! You can really see here how the different rows have pinwheels going opposite ways!



Close up of backing and quilting design!



I used up lots of 10.5" squares of neutrals in a fun pieced backing that cleaned out a lot of stash I didn't want anymore!

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