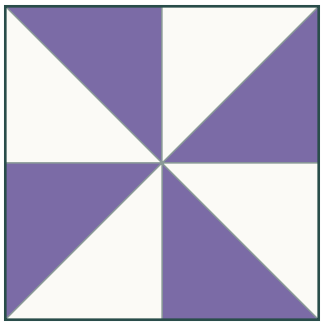
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

PINWHEEL

Four half-square triangles, turning around one point.



8 pieces, 2 fabrics

Four half-square triangles, each turned a quarter of the way around from the last, so the dark triangles seem to spin. It is often one of the first blocks a quilter makes, and a good place to practice getting eight points to meet in the middle.

SKILL Beginner
SEAMS ¼″ throughout
SIZES 6″, 8″, 10″ and 12″ finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	6″	8″	10″	12″
① Light: cut 2 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, two at a time with the Dark squares. Trim each to half an inch bigger than its finished size.	4″ sq	5″ sq	6″ sq	7″ sq
② Dark: cut 2 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, two at a time with the Light squares.	4″ sq	5″ sq	6″ sq	7″ sq

Fabric, for one block

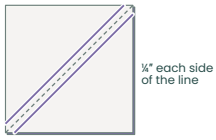
Buy at least	6″	8″	10″	12″
☐ Light	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
■ Dark	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

Worked out the way QuiltPlan's shopping list does it: 42″ of usable width, 15% for waste, rounded up to the quarter yard. For a whole quilt, place the block in the app and it totals every block for you.

Good to know

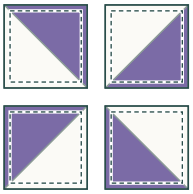
- Check the spin before you sew: lay the four out beside the machine and keep them in that order.
- Rather not unpick? Press the last seam open instead. The center is a little thicker, but still lies flat.
- **Why these sizes?** At 6″, 8″, 10″ and 12″ every piece of this block lands on a ruler line. At other sizes the app still works out the cutting for you.
- **Want a different size or a whole quilt?** Pinwheel is in QuiltPlan's block library. Place it on a quilt and the app gives you the cut list, the yardage and the shopping list for every block at once.

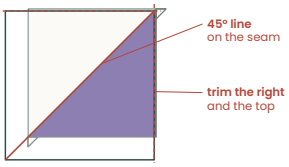
Sewing it



1 · Make 4 half-square triangles

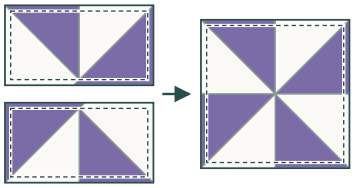
Draw a line corner to corner on the back of each (1) square. Lay each on a (2) square, right sides together, sew a quarter inch either side of the line, cut on the line and press toward the Dark. Two pairs make 4. Follow the Half-Square Triangles guide.





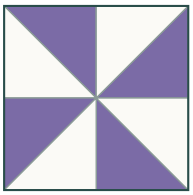
2 · Trim them

Lay a square ruler's 45 degree line on the seam, trim two sides, turn the unit, line the cut edges up and trim the other two. Each measures 3½" for a 6" block, 4½" for 8", 5½" for 10" and 6½" for 12", the seam running exactly into two opposite corners.



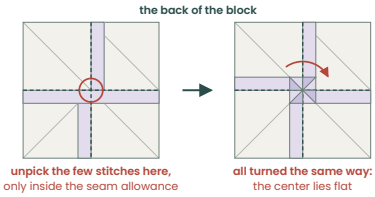
3 · Lay them out

Turn the four so the Dark triangles follow each other around the middle, like the blades of a pinwheel. Every seam runs into the center, and eight points will meet there.



4 · Sew the rows

Sew the top pair and the bottom pair, each with a quarter inch seam. Press the top row's seam one way and the bottom row's the other, so the two nest where they meet at the center.



5 · Join the rows

Nest the center seams, pin there, and sew straight through the point where the diagonals cross. Eight points meet in that one spot. The block measures half an inch more than it will finish.

6 · Spin the center

Eight seams meet at the middle, so it is thick. On the back, unpick the two or three stitches of the short seams that sit inside the long seam's allowance, no further. Turn the allowances the same way round the middle, like a tiny pinwheel, and press: the center lies flat.

Light Dark

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