

LIVINGSTON PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

BLOCK OF THE MONTH/NOVEMBER, 2013

A GAGGLE OF PINWHEELS – 12"

Supply list

Color one needs one 3-7/8" x 15-1/2" strip.

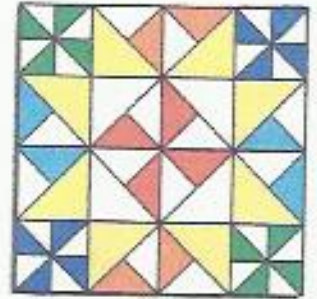
Colors two, four and six need one 4-1/4" square each.

Colors three and five need one 2-3/8" x 9-1/2" strip each.

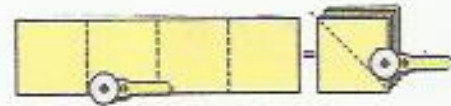
For these six colors use bright colors.

Color seven needs two 2-3/8" x 9-1/2" strips and

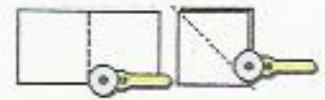
one 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strip and three 4-1/4" squares (white muslin from Jean's Corner)



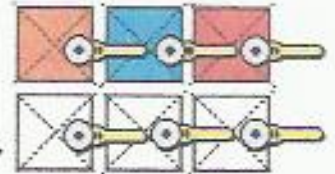
Start by marking and cutting the color one 3-7/8" x 15-1/2" strip into four 3-7/8" squares. Stack these and cut them once on the diagonal to make eight half square triangles.



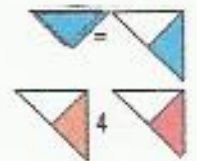
Then mark and cut the color seven 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strip into two 3-7/8" squares. Stack these and cut them once on the diagonal to make four half square triangles.



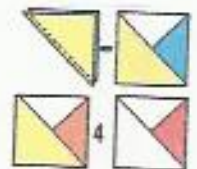
Next cut the colors two, four, six and seven 4-1/4" squares in half on both diagonals to get four quarter square triangles from each of the first three colors and twelve of color seven.



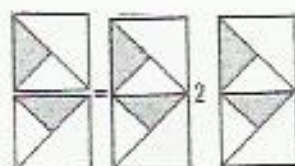
Sew the quarter square triangles together in pairs as shown at right, making four of each color arrangement. Use a scant 1/4" seam allowance as you will throughout the block and press seams to the darker side...



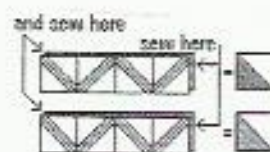
Sew the color six quarter square triangle pairs to a color one half square triangle. Make four units like this. Sew the color four quarter square triangle pairs to a color one half square triangle. Make four units like this. Sew the color two quarter square triangle pairs to a color seven half square triangle. Make four units like this.



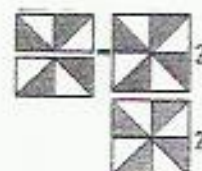
Now sew the color six and the color four units we have just made in the previous step together in pairs, making two units of each.



Next speed piece the half squares, by stacking the color three and the color seven  $2\text{-}3/8\text{'}$  x  $9\text{-}1/2\text{'}$  strips, right sides together and all edges aligned. On the back of the top strip, lightly mark the  $2\text{-}3/8\text{'}$  square lines and mark the diagonals in the direction shown at right. Now sew a scant  $1/4\text{'}$  above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square lines. Now cut apart ON the marked diagonals, and on the  $2\text{-}3/8\text{'}$  square lines. This will give you eight half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Trim these back to measure  $2\text{'}$  if needed. Repeat this with a color five and color seven strip set to get eight more half squares in that color arrangement.



Now sew the half squares together to make small pinwheel blocks, two of each color arrangement.



Next, sew the color two quarter square triangle units together to make the block's center unit.



Now lay out the block's units as shown at right. Sew them together into three horizontal rows. Join the rows, and it's done!

This block should measure  $12\text{-}1/2\text{'}$  ☺.

The instructions for this block is on the website [Quilters Cache](http://QuiltersCache.com).

