

THE GRAND QUILT GUILD

ROW BY ROW PROJECT 2025 – 2026

BLOCK # 5 February 11, 2026 Due March 11, 2026

DOUBLE PINWHEEL QUILT BLOCK

The double pinwheel block is a variation of the classic pinwheel quilt block, featuring a smaller pinwheel nested inside a larger one, creating a whirling effect. The classic pinwheel block is a representation of the water pump windmills used on farms along the Oregon Trail during pioneer days.

While the original pinwheel block originated in the early 19th century, the double pinwheel block evolved in the 20th century to demonstrate the quilters skill.



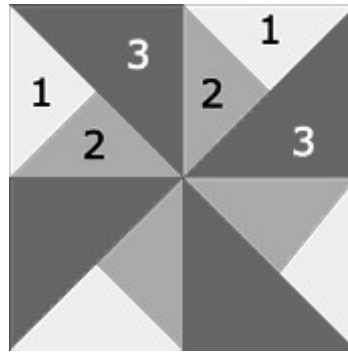
This is basically a 4 (four) patch block.

This is a 6 (6 ½) inch block. Instructions are for 1 (one) block.

All seams are ¼ inch, unless otherwise noted

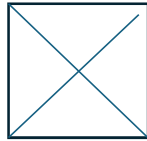
Fabric Requirements:

3 (three) fabrics – 1
2
3

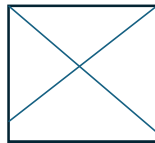


Cutting Directions:

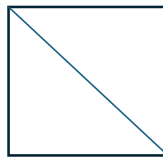
Fabric #1 1 x 4 ¼ inch square
subcut diagonally twice (4 triangles)



Fabric #2 1 x 4 ¼ inch square subcut
subcut diagonally twice (4 triangles)



Fabric #3 1 x 3 7/8 inch square
sub cut diagonally once (2 triangles)



ASSEMBLE THE BLOCK

- This is essentially a 4 (four) patch block
- Stitch the two small triangles (fabric 1 & fabric 2) together
- Press the seam to the darker fabric
- It's important that the two small triangles are stitched together in exactly the same way for each set, otherwise the inside pinwheel changes position
- Stitch this triangle to the larger triangle to make a square
- Press the seam towards the larger triangle (or the darker fabric)
- Measure the block – trim to 6 ½ inches if necessary
- ✚ Continue to make 3 more



- Now comes the hard part (at least for me!!)
- Pay attention to the placement of the triangles – the larger triangle needs to represent a whirling motion
- Stitch the 4 (four) squares together as shown above.

Now continue and make 6 (six) more

As usual, any questions or issues don't hesitate to contact me:

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✚ ***DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR COMPLETED BLOCKS TO THE MARCH IN-PERSON MEETING***