



# PLAYFUL PINWHEEL PLACEMATS

By Colleen Tauke | Finished Size: 12-1/2" x 18-1/2"

**Materials:****Yardage is calculated for a set of 4 placemats**

1/8 yd of three colors for pinwheels  
1/3 yd of pinwheel background  
1-1/2 yd of focus fabric which includes binding  
7/8 yd backing fabric  
Quarter inch seam marker  
Fabric marking pen/pencil  
Square acrylic ruler - 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" or larger  
Basting spray or safety pins  
Batting

**Cutting:**

The cutting instructions are for **one** placemat.

WOF = width of fabric

Cut (2) 3" sq. of three pinwheel colors  
(6) 3" sq. pinwheel background  
(1) 12-1/2" x 14-1/2" rectangle from focus fabric  
(2) 2-1/4" by WOF from focus fabric for binding

**Construction:**

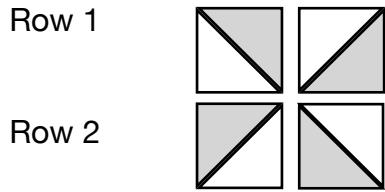
1/4" seams are used for construction - **Note** the trim in step 2.

1. On the back side of each of the 6 pinwheel background squares, use a quarter inch seam marker to mark diagonal stitching lines across each block. See diagram below.

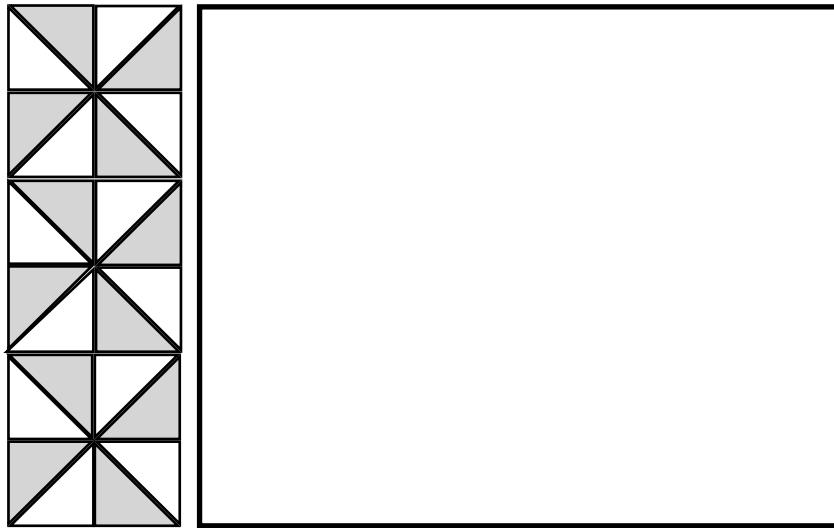


2. Pair each background square with a pinwheel square. Stitch on marked lines and cut apart as shown by the red line above. Press seam toward the pinwheel color. **Trim** each triangle square to 2-1/2" x 2-1/2". This process yields 2 triangle squares from each pairing. When complete, you will have 3 sets of 4 matching triangle squares.

3. Arrange the matching triangle squares into a pinwheel - noting the color placement



4. Join triangle squares in Row 1 with a seam - press seam allowance to the right.
5. Join triangle squares in Row 2 with a seam - press seam allowance to the left
6. Join Row 1 and Row 2 to create a pinwheel block
7. Repeat this process to create three pinwheel blocks. Next, seam the three blocks into a column as seen below.
8. Place the pinwheel column along the short side of the focus fabric and stitch with a 1/4" seam. Press seam toward the focus fabric.



9. Layer placemat top, batting and backing - quilt as desired. Add binding to finish the outer edge.

# My Notes

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