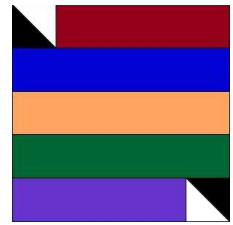


January 2012 Block of the Month - Pinwheels on the Fence.



Finished size is a 10" block, with raw edges 10 1/2".

Fabric requirements:

Black solid

White solid or white on white

5 tonal fabrics, like Moda marbles, fossil ferns, solids, or any fabric that reads solid from a few feet away, in rainbow bright colors: red, blue, orange, green, and purple.

Cutting instructions:

Cut 1 red and 1 purple strip 8 1/2" x 2 1/2". (These are the top and bottom strips.)

Cut 1 blue, 1 orange, and 1 green strip, each one 10 1/2" x 2 1/2". (These are the center strips.)

Cut 1 black 3" square and 1 white 3" square.

Sewing:

Draw a light pencil line diagonally on the white square.

Place the white square on the black square, right sides together

Sew 1/4" on both sides of the penciled line.

Cut on the penciled line to make 2 black-and-white squares.

Open the half square triangle blocks and press to the dark fabric

Trim to perfect 2 1/2" black-and-white squares.

Sew 1 black-and-white square to the red strip with the white triangle against the red strip, as shown in block illustration.

Sew 1 black-and-white square to the purple strip with the white triangle against the purple strip, as shown.

Sew the 3 center strips together with orange in the center.

Sew the red strip to the blue, with black-and-white square block on the left.

Sew purple strip to the green, with black-and-white square block on the right.

When 4 blocks are set together it makes a pinwheel design at the corner.

Six blocks will make a table runner 20" x 30". Twelve blocks will make a nice comfort quilt for Project Linus or Quilts For Kids. Thirty-five blocks makes a 50" x 70" quilt, a good sized sofa throw or donation quilt. See the illustration for an example of a 50" x 70" quilt. This is the size I make for donations for Camp Erin, Project Linus, and Quilts of Valor.