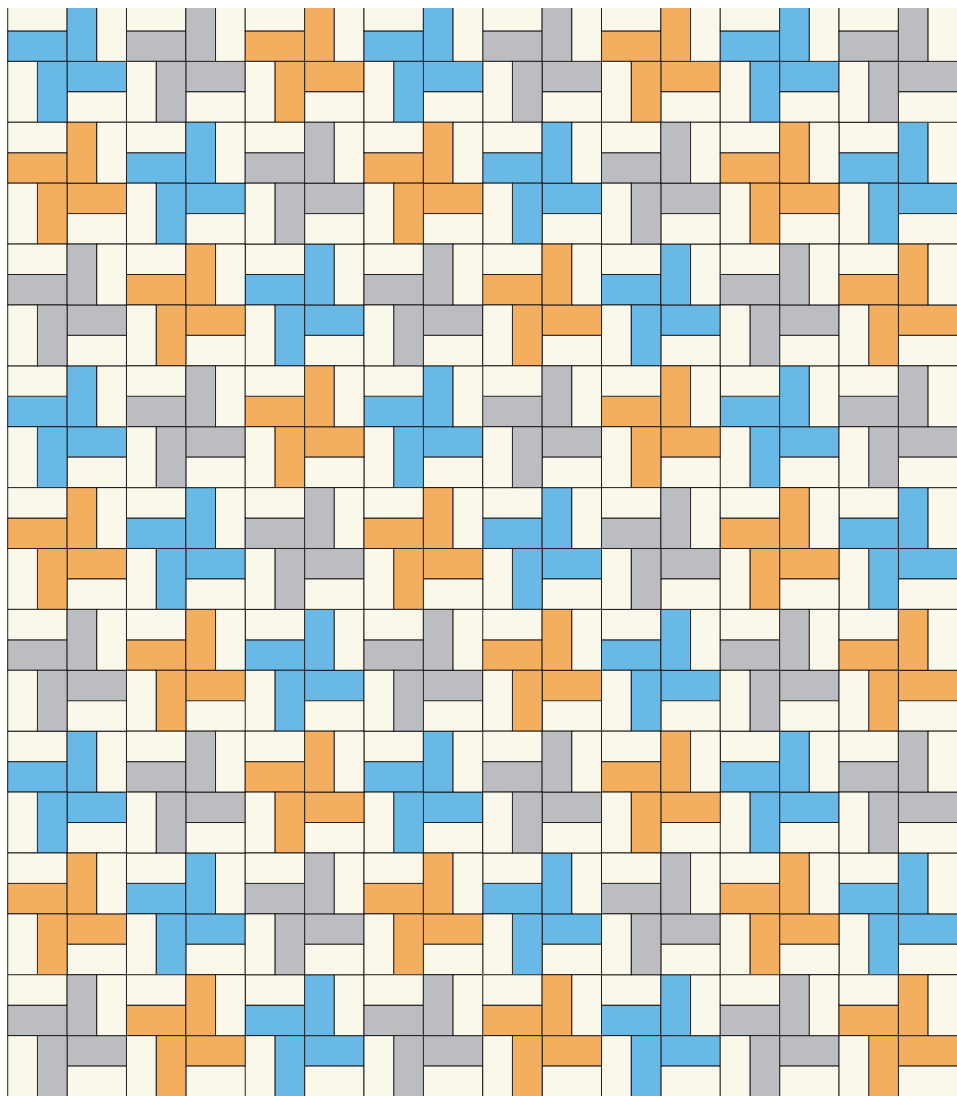


SCRAPPY PINWHEEL BLOCK



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STEP 1: CHOOSING YOUR FABRICS

I am choosing to use fat quarters (18" x 22") and some longer scraps I have. You can use fat eighths (9" x 22") or a jelly roll (2.5" x 44") as well. So this is a great pattern to use up some of those precuts you have laying around in your sewing room. The only thing you want to watch for is making sure the fabrics you choose have a good contrast to your background (or not if you like that sort of thing...). I'm mostly cutting a 2.5" strip from the long side (the 22" side) of fat quarters I have in my stash already. I buy tons of those FQs and they need a home in a good quilt!

The amount you will need depends on the size of your quilt. If you want to make the quilt layout below (lap size 64" x 72") you will need 72 blocks. You can make 2 blocks from one jelly roll strip (2.5" x 44"). So, one jelly roll is enough. You will need one white (or whatever color) jelly roll for background if you are using that or about 2.75 yards of background yardage.

STEP 2: CUTTING YOUR FABRICS

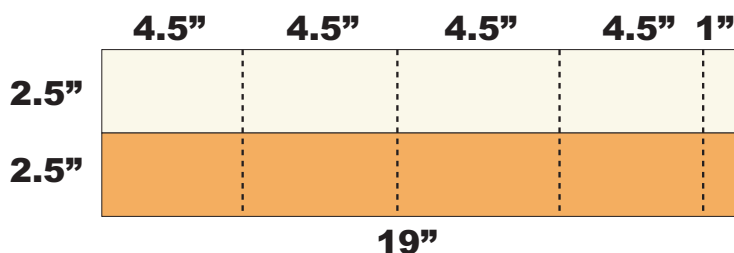
The amount of work on this step really depends on what cuts of fabric you have. (Also, an Accuquilt and a 2.5" strip die is helpful!) You will need for the lap quilt below:
cut 72 - 2.5" x 19" strips background (or cut a jelly roll strip in half)
cut 72 - 2.5" x 19" strips prints

** IF you do not care if this is that scrappy or you are using jelly rolls, you can use (or cut from half yards) 2.5" x 44" (width of your fabric) strips and sew them together selvedge to selvedge. Then cut 8 blocks instead of 4 on the next step and you will have enough for two blocks! Time saver! **

STEP 3: CREATING YOUR BLOCK

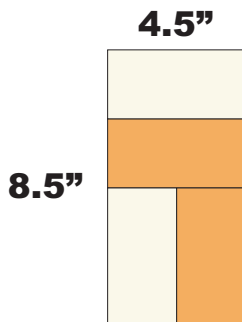
Again, this will create an 8" finished block (it will measure 8.5" x 8.5" until sewn together).

First take one background strip and one print strip and sew them together longways as shown:

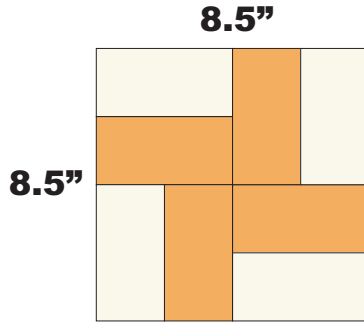


Subcut this block into 4.5" squares (the dotted lines) as shown above. We made these 19" so you should have a little leftover at the end.

Next you want to sew two of your new squares together like shown below. You will do this twice! You will have two of these! I chose to have each pinwheel block in my quilt be made from the same fabric. You can decide to mix all these up if you'd like for a SUPER scrappy look!



Finally, you will flip one of the two “7” shaped blocks you made above and sew both together as shown below:



Ta Da! Your block is done! Just repeat that 72 times ! No big deal! Then you lay out your blocks on your design wall/floor/bed and sew them together in rows. I used a 8 x 9 layout for the lap quilt below:

