

PINWHEELS ON POINT

(These instructions are expected to be used in conjunction with the Missouri Star Quilt Company Video titled "Pinwheels on Point with Fence Rail")

The pattern is a basic Fence Rail with the addition of pinwheels.

Fabrics needed: 40 Strips of 2-1/2 inch coordinated fabrics ("Jelly Roll")

1 yd. each of two "solid-reading", contrasting pinwheel fabrics

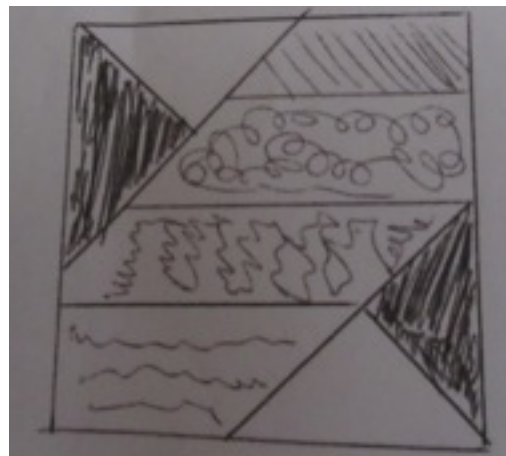
(MO Star says you need 1-1/4 yd., but 1 yd. should yield 12-10" cuts which is the number you need for the pinwheels). If you have an extra 1/4 yd. of one of the colors, you can use it for a 1" inner border.)

Fence Rails: Divide the strips into 10 sets of four, using a variety of light, med. & dark fabrics. Sew the strip sets together in pairs, then "pairs of pairs" together. Make sure you have a full 42-1/2" usable strip set—some fabrics yield strips shorter than others. Press the strip sets thoroughly making sure there are no pleats in the seams. Measure the width of a strip set—should be approx. 8-1/2 inches. Cut the strip sets into squares matching the width measurement—**must** get 5 squares per strip set which will yield 2 more blocks than the quilt requires.

Pinwheels: Cut each pinwheel fabric into 10 inch squares --you need 12 each of the two colors. Put one light and one dark square right sides together. Draw an "X" on wrong side of the light fabric. Sew 1/4 inch on each side of the "X". After sewing, cut the sewn square in half vertically and horizontally (+ shaped); then, without moving the fabric, cut on the drawn "X" lines. This will create 8 HST's. You will need 12 of these sets. (MO Star says 13 on the video, but you actually only need 12).

Square up these HST's to 4-1/2 inches.

Fold the squared up HST's in half perpendicular to the seam line (wrong sides together) and press well to form a sewing line. Place two folded Pinwheel HST's on opposite corners of a Fence Rail Block—either upper left and lower right or upper right and lower left with light and dark triangles opposite—**Whichever you choose, every block must be the exactly the same** in order for the pinwheels to develop properly on the final quilt assembly. See the photo / illustration:



Stitch these two folded HST's onto the corners of the Fence Rail blocks along the fold line and then again, ½ inch away (toward the corner). Trim between the two stitch lines, saving the cut corner for a pieced border on the quilt.

Make 48 of these blocks.

Piece them together in 4's, rotating them to form the pinwheels in the middle.



Layout the resulting 12 larger blocks in a 3x4 pattern and sew together to form quilt.

Borders: Add a 1-1/2 or 2-1/2 inch inner border .

Outer border: Square up the trimmed corners from the main blocks to 3-1/2 inches. Sew these together with the triangles pointing inward and add as an outside border.

Size: The addition of an inner border helps “break up” the scrappiness of the main quilt body with the scrappy 3” border. Without an additional inner border, the size is approx. 54”x 64”; with a 2-1/2” (cut 2-1/2”, sewn 2”) inner border, 58” x 68”; with a 1-1/2” (cut 1-1/2”, sewn, 1”) inner border, 56”x 66” (meets QOV minimum of 55”x65”).