

Cupboard to Creativity

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"Flower Pinwheel"

Hi Everyone,

Following the general theme of "looking back to go forward" I found some odd pieces when I was tidying up after Xmas and have decided to complete a project with the "Flower Pinwheel" block. This is a quick block to make and I am already late getting this challenge to you, so have fun with this one.

The block I found already made is 12" finished block, however the size you make can be different, OR you may want to make a whole quilt of the inter-linked flowers.

The basis of the block is squares of 2 sizes, one twice the finished size to the other.

My 12" finished block used cut size squares of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " & $1\frac{1}{2}$ " & rectangles for background are cut $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

To make a 15" finished block, use cut squares of 3" & $1\frac{3}{4}$ ", the background rectangles will be cut $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" .

For the outer edge of the block (background, I have used 8 rectangles and 4 squares, however this could all be squares if that is what you prefer).

To make the block 4 petals of the same colour are needed, and the matching colour in 4 smaller squares to form the pinwheel points.

I have 4 flower pinwheels in this block, so you could use 2 colours and alternate them, or go the opposite & make a scrappy version—up to you and what fabrics you are wanting to use.

Use the layout on the next sheet as your guide. You are going to sew on the diagonal of the small square to create sew & flip a corner, so check you fabric positions carefully flipping on the correct coloured unit.

I have provided a coloured block so you can see the positioning of the units, you may want to print a copy & map out your colours on the blank chart first—that is up to how you like to work.

You may want to make one or two blocks for a cushion or bag, the objective is to have fun quilting and continue to use your "stash".

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Colour layout example

Blank block

The rectangles can be 2 squares sew together if you chose

