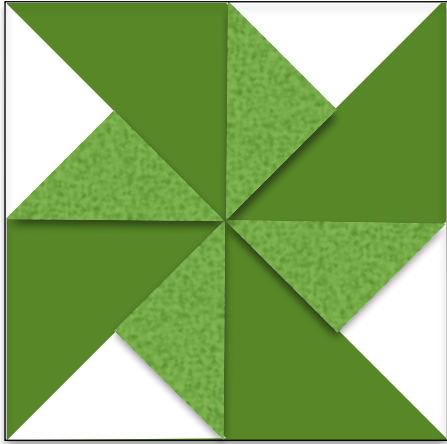


# Northern New Mexico Quilt Guild

## March 2016 Block of the Month - Double Pinwheel

March is the windy month, so it's the perfect time for some Double Pinwheel blocks.



### Basics:

- Finished block size is 8 1/2" square.
- Use whatever color thread makes the most sense.
- Fabrics can be whatever you have on hand. Batiks, calicos, bold patterns, it all will work.
- All seams are the standard scant 1/4" seam.
- Three fabrics per block, The one shown as white in the picture must be white or a white on white pattern This is for unity, since the white triangles will make a secondary pinwheel design once the finished blocks are sewn together. The other two fabrics must coordinate in some way, such as a multicolor print and a solid color pulled from the print, or a light fabric and a dark fabric from the same color family..

### Cutting Instructions:

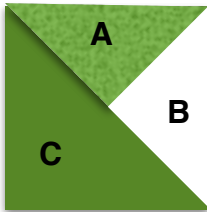


Figure 1

Figure 1 is the basic building block unit to your Pinwheel block. It will be a 4 1/2" square when finished. You will need four of these to make one Pinwheel block. The easiest way to do this is as follows:

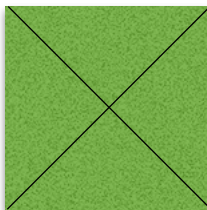


Figure 2

**A:** For piece A, cut a piece of fabric 5 1/2" square. Cut it diagonally from corner to corner in both directions as shown in Figure 2. Now you have the four "A" pieces you will need.

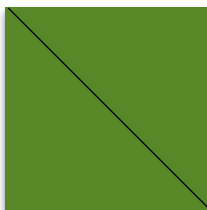


Figure 3

**B:** Repeat the steps for piece A using the white fabric you chose for piece B.

**C:** For piece C, cut two 5" square pieces of fabric. Cut each square on the diagonal once, as shown in Figure 3. This will give you the four pieces you need.

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### Sewing Instructions:

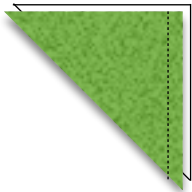


Figure 4

Step 1: Take one piece A and one piece B and lay them right sides together with piece A (the not-white piece) on top, as shown in figure 4 (*Figure 4* shows the pieces slightly offset to show them more clearly, you of course would line them up properly). Stitch along the line shown in *Figure 4*. Continue with all 4 sets of piece A and piece B. Press the seams towards piece A.

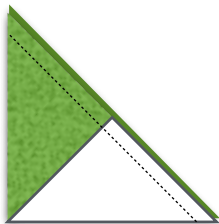


Figure 5

Step 2: Place one of the pieces you made in step 1 on top of one of the cut pieces C, right sides together, and sew as shown in *Figure 5*. Press the seam towards the piece C. Repeat until you have all four block units sewn. Each should look like *Figure 1*, above.

NOTE: Your block units should end up slightly larger than 4 1/2" square. Trim them to the correct size before continuing.

Step 3: Arrange your four block units as shown in the large block picture at the top of this sheet. Sew the two top block units together, pressing the seam towards the large triangle piece C. Repeat with the bottom two block units.

Step 4: Sew the top and bottom units together to complete your block. Press the seams towards the larger triangle unit C (You will need to pick a stitch or two out of the center of your block on the back to accomplish this). This will reduce the bulk in the center of your block and make the blocks easier to nest and sew together for the block winner.

Questions? Feel free to email me at [smclarkson@gmail.com](mailto:smclarkson@gmail.com).

Bring your finished blocks to the guild meeting on March 28th to participate in the drawing.