

Easy Jelly Roll Pinwheel Block!

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Building on the diagonal strip squares from last week, here's a little tutorial on how to use color to turn the same blocks into fun pinwheels!

Onward! Happy quilting!

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P.S. You can see all our patterns and the 3 Jelly Roll Inspirations e-books [here](#)!

How to Make Pinwheel Blocks From 4 Jelly Roll Strips

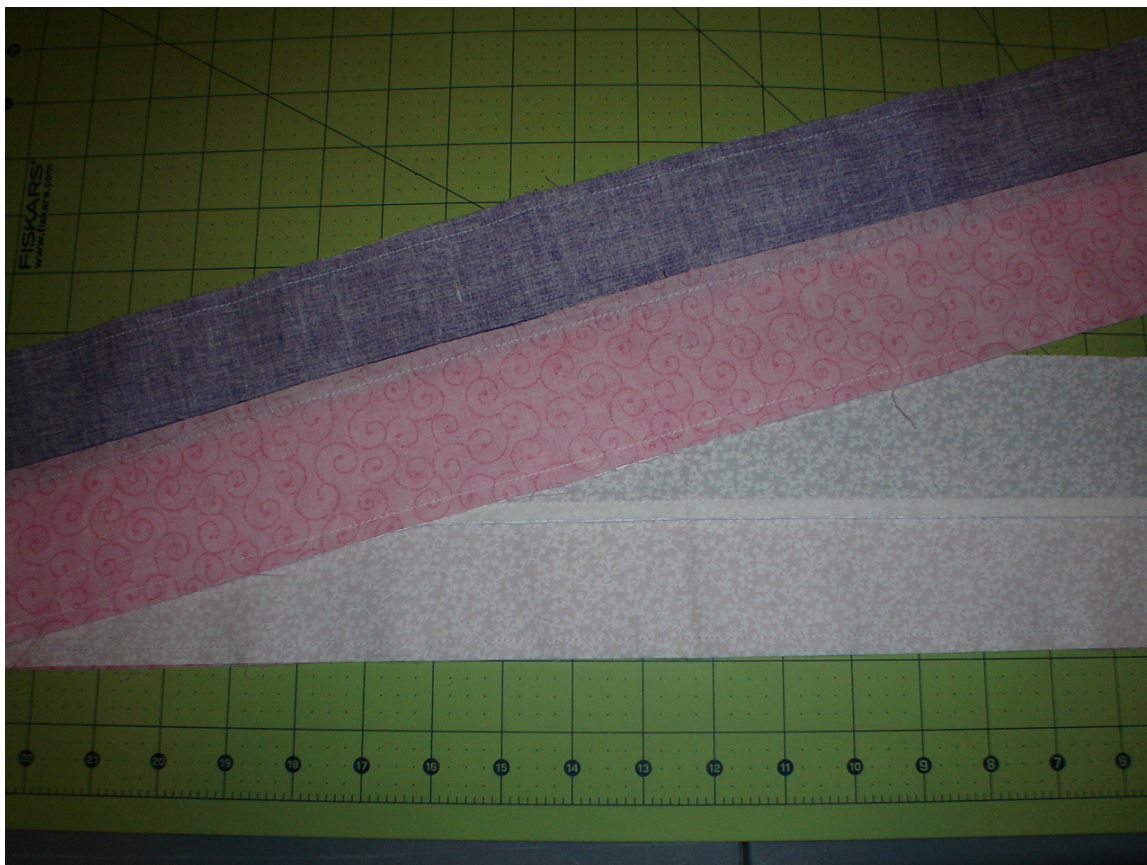
1. Choose 2 colors and 2 white jelly roll strips.



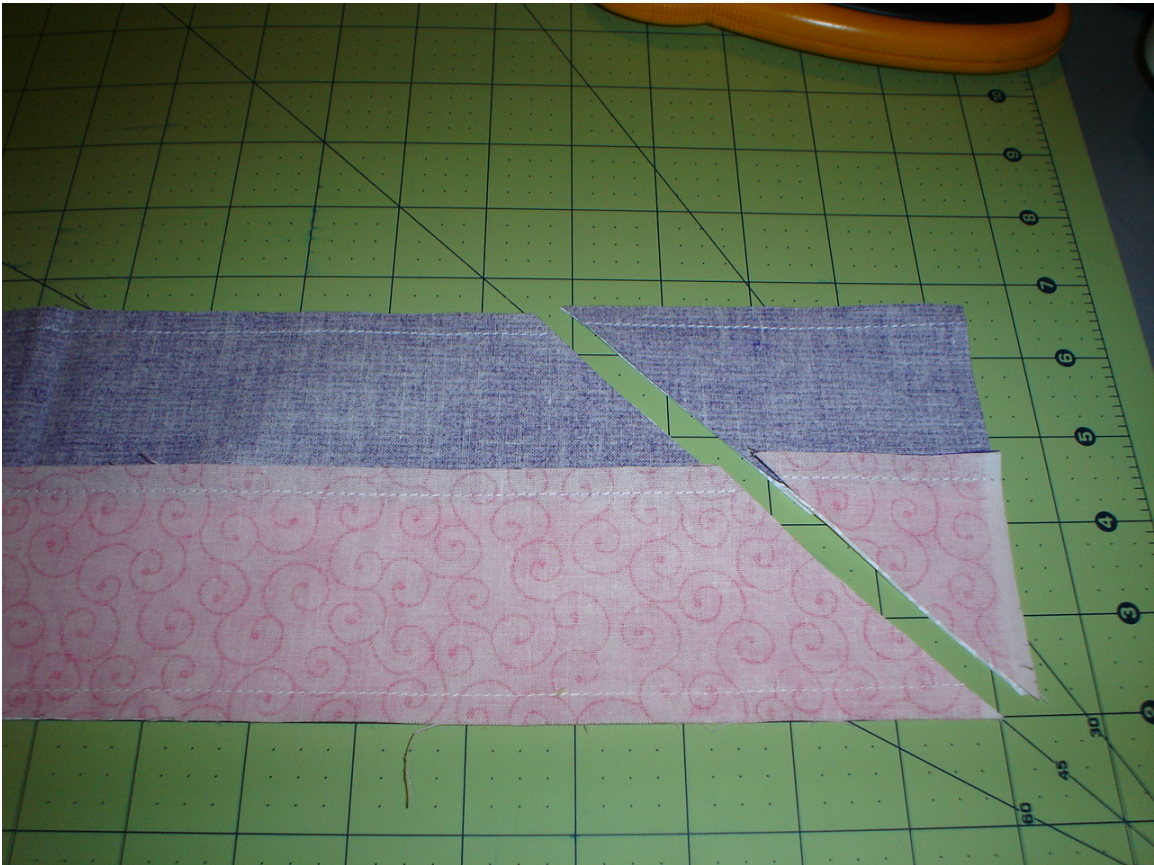
2. Right sides together, sew your two color strips together lengthwise (on just one side!) and do the same for your whites. Press open.



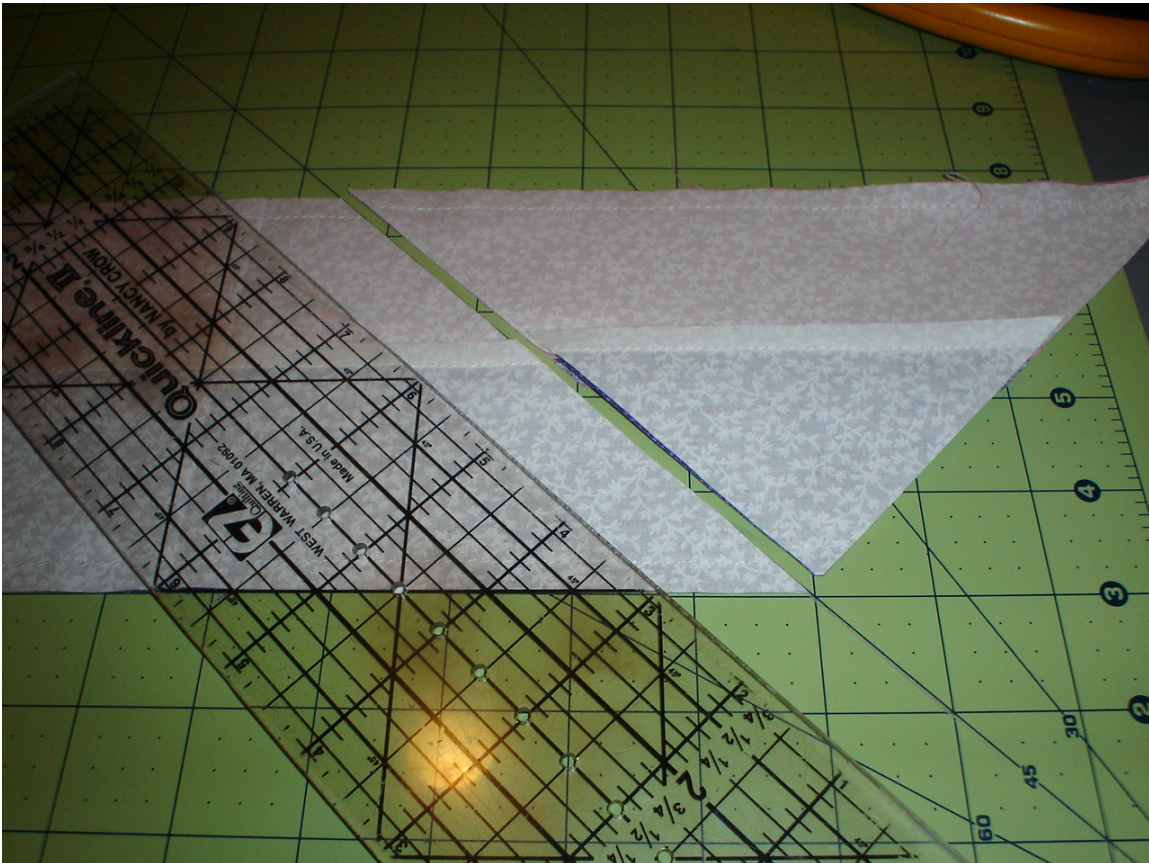
3. Now sew those two units together lengthwise, right sides together, all the way down both sides, creating a tube.



4. Trim the selvage edge off one side (be as conservative as possible).
5. Line your tube up with the 45 degree line on your rotary mat, and trim off the edge triangle.

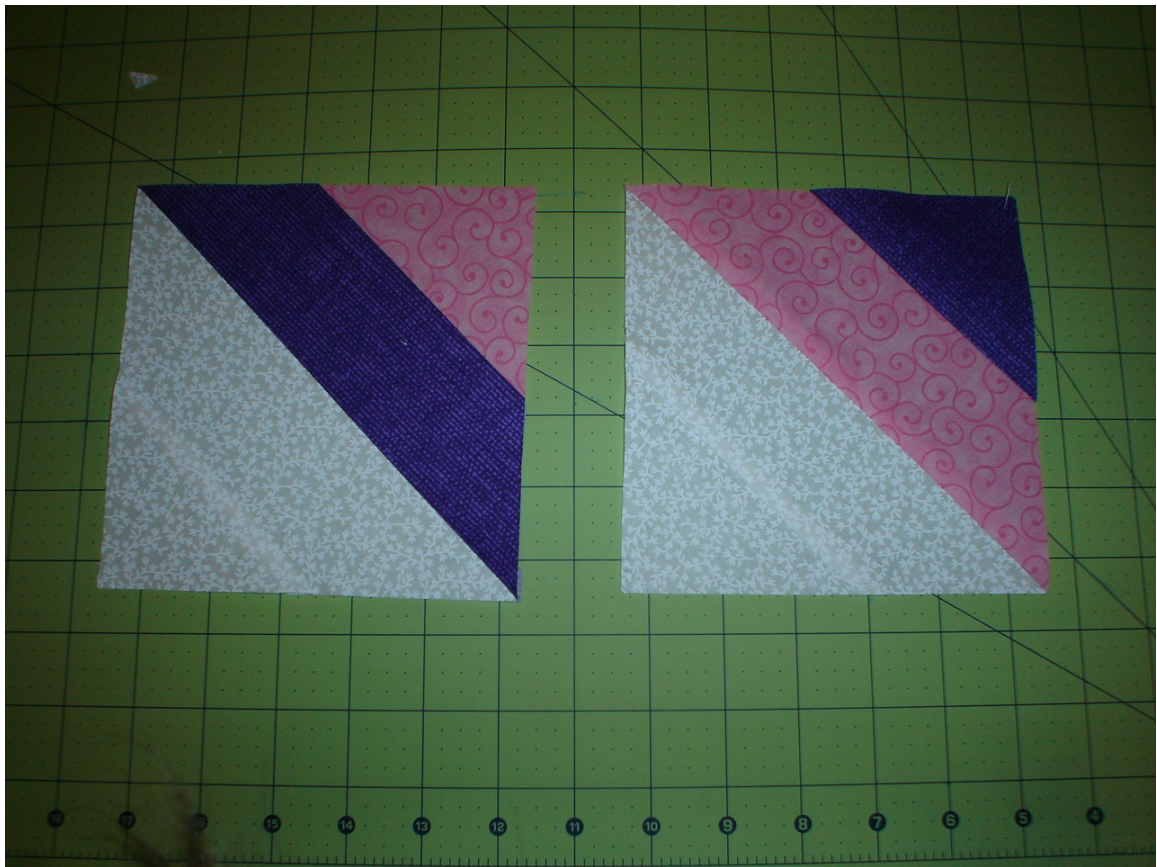


6. Flip your tube over and line the bottom right corner up with the 45 degree line. Cut on the 45 degree line. Continue flipping , realigning and cutting your blocks. You can get 10 blocks out of this tube if you are careful!



Some quilters like to match the *seam* up with the bottom line/corner, instead of the edge of the tube. This way when you cut across your 45 degree line, you won't have any stitches in the points of your triangle to pull out. I like to do it this way because the stitches come right out when you open the triangle – no seam ripper necessary, and it makes the triangle blocks bigger!

7. Pull open the corners (they will have a stitch or two) and press open your blocks – you should get 5 each of 2 different squares!



8. Arrange 4 blocks and sew into a pinwheel – either 2 of each different square...



...or 4 each of the same square!



That's all there is to it – your finished pinwheel block will be about 11" square!

Our [20-fabric blender jelly rolls](#) and [white tone-on-tone jelly rolls](#) are perfect for making lots of fun pinwheels and there are 20+ different color combos to choose from!

Have fun! :D

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