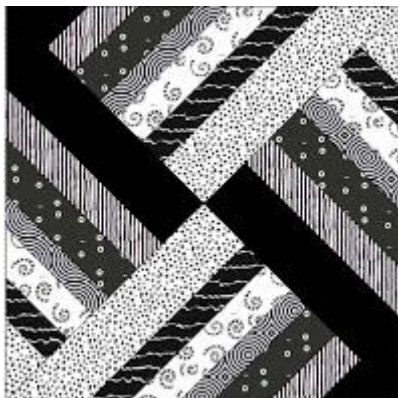


## Block of the Month - August 2016

### BLACK & WHITE PINWHEELS



This is a variation of a traditional block.  
It is made by sewing strips together. Nice and easy!

On Sunday 17th July, I had the privilege of being on the dock to welcome home HMAS Darwin . What an experience! ...chatting with 25 other people who make quilts and laundry bags...catching up with our Fearless Leader...chatting with the husband and son of a quilter who is currently overseas, who are the support crew for her as she sews quilts...chatting, shaking hands with and being hugged by SO many men and women who were incredibly grateful for the quilts and laundry bags they had received. Their words of gratitude were very humbling.

The blocks YOU make, make some of these quilts and bring great joy to the recipients.

So...THANK YOU very much for participating in the Block of the Month project.

#### **Fabrics suitable for each block...**

White backgrounds with small, medium or large print designs

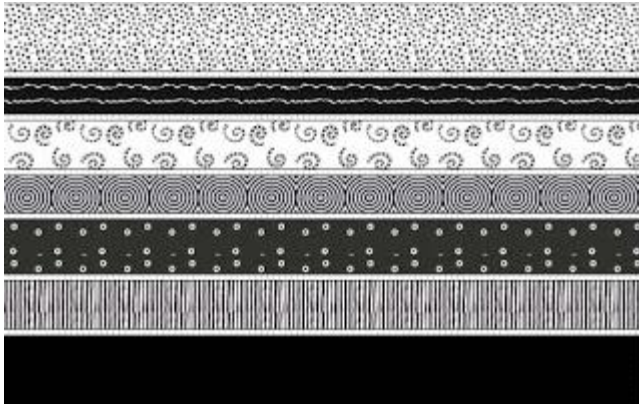
Black backgrounds with small, medium or large print designs

The printed designs can be spots, stripes, geometrics, florals, animals or other images etc.

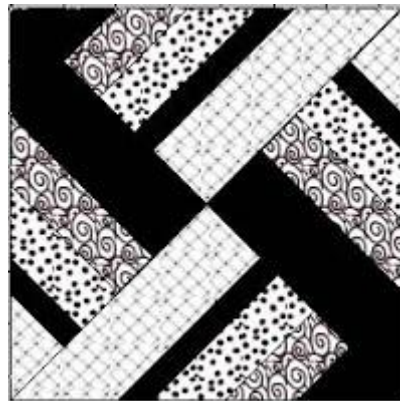
Plain black or tone-on-tone black

Seven fabrics are needed for the block. Please alternate white background fabrics and black background fabrics as shown below, giving contrast between the strips.

Use plain black or a very black fabric for one of the outside strips as shown below. This will give unity to the blocks when they are joined together to make the quilt tops for our Aussie Heroes.



The following blocks show a variety of fabrics as described above.



### **Cutting the strips**

All strips are cut about 26 inches long

Strip #1 White background with black print - cut 2.75 inch wide

Strip #2 Black background with white print - cut 1.5 inch wide

Strip #3 White background with black print - cut 2 inch wide

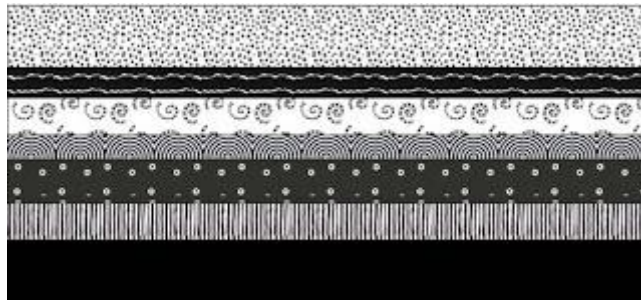
Strip #4 Either combination of black and white giving contrast between the strips - cut 1.75 inch wide

Strip #5 Black background with white print - cut 2.25 inch wide

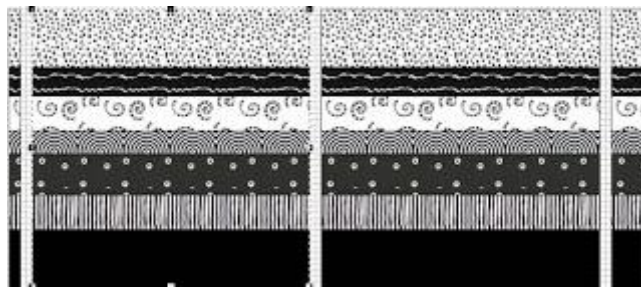
Strip #6 White background with black print - cut 2 inch wide

Strip #7 Black fabric - cut 2.75 inch wide

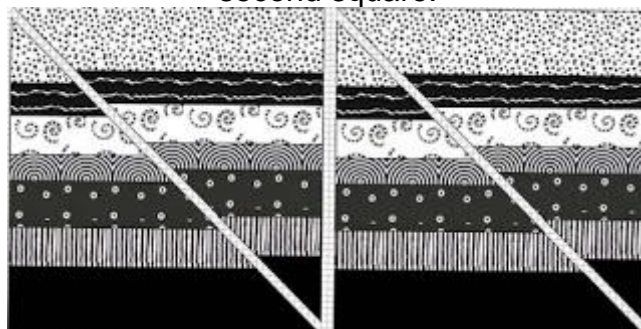
Sew strips together as shown, with 1/4 inch seam allowance. Press all seam allowances to one side.



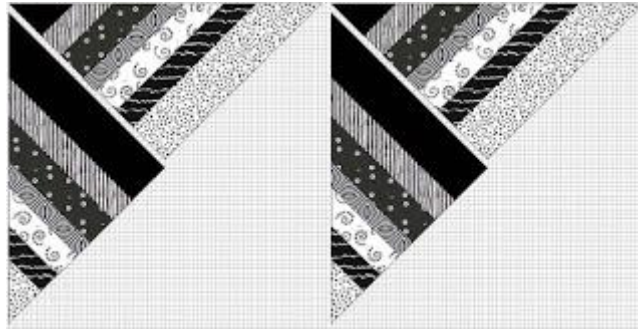
Trim a small amount to have a straight edge as shown.  
Cut 2 squares from the pieced fabric 12 x 12 inch, as shown, leaving a scrap at the end.



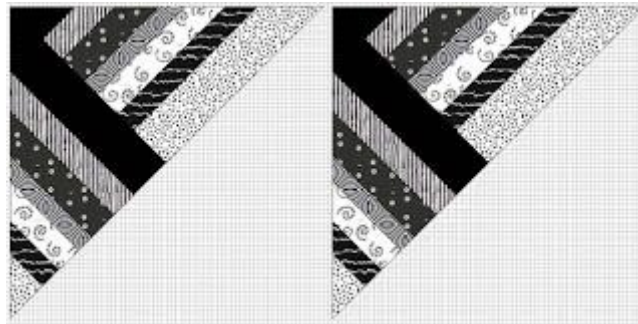
Position ruler from corner to corner and cut the square into 2 triangles. Repeat for second square.



Turn the triangles around as shown below - the diagonal line becomes the outside edge.



Sew together with 1/4 inch seam allowance as shown below. Press the seam allowance to one side.



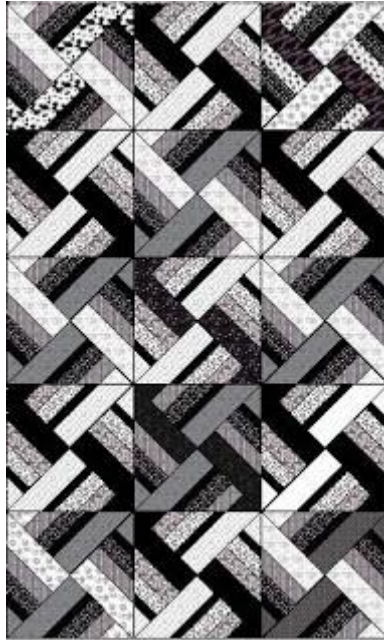
Turn the triangles around as shown below, and sew the two halves of the block together. Press the seam allowance to one side.



**PLEASE DON'T TRIM THE BLOCKS**

The blocks will all be trimmed back to a uniform size so don't be concerned if some of the edges are not quite even.

This is the beautiful Quilt that your blocks will make.



Please post your finished blocks to

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Until next time...happy sewing!  
Sandy Corry