

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD

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From background fabric cut:

- one 7 1/2" square, subcut on both diagonals to create 4 triangles (#4)
- four 2 1/2" x 7" rectangles (#2)

From contrast fabric cut:

- one 7 1/2" square, subcut on both diagonals to create 4 triangles (#3)
- two 5 1/2" squares, each subcut on one diagonal to create 4 triangles (#1)

IMPORTANT

Before starting make 4 copies of the foundation pattern.

Each foundation makes a quarter of the finished 12" block.

Set the stitch length on your machine to 20 stitches per inch.

Always begin and end each seam 2-3 stitches beyond the sewing line.

Block is created on the unmarked side of the foundation.

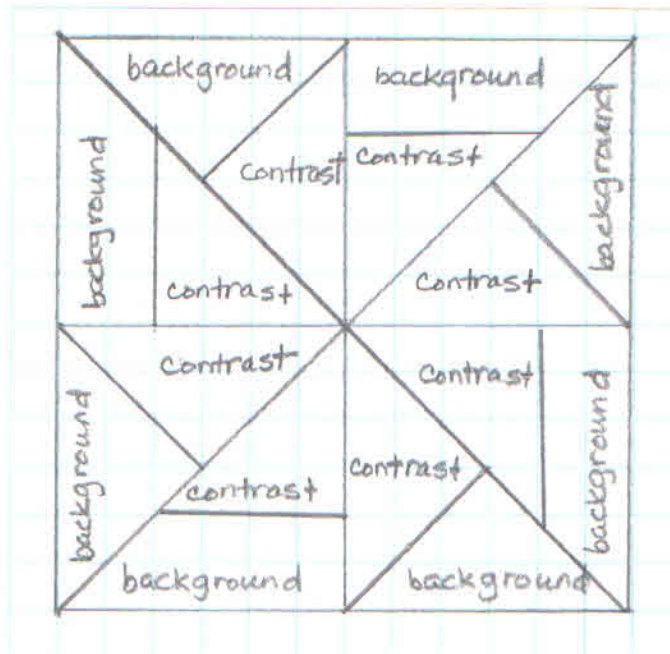
Use a **dry** iron!

1. Place #1 triangle piece with right side up on unmarked side of foundation. Holding the foundation up to the light with the marked side of the foundation facing you, position the #1 piece so it extends 1/4" over the edges of the marked #1 triangle on the foundation. Dab a little fabric glue on the wrong side of the fabric to hold it in place on the foundation.
2. On the unmarked side of the foundation with right sides together, place the rectangle on top of the short side #1 triangle matching right angles and covering the sewing line between pieces #1 and #2. Pin in place well away from sewing line between #1 and #2.
3. On the marked side of the foundation sew on sewing line between pieces 1 and 2 beginning and ending 2 to 3 stitches into the seam allowance.
4. On the unmarked side of the foundation open #2 rectangle and gently press.
5. On the marked side of the foundation place a straight edge along the edge of the "1+2 seam line" and fold the foundation over onto itself. Crease foundation. Measure 1/4" beyond the fold and trim away excess fabric.
6. On the marked side of the foundation stay stitch in the middle of the seam allowance around the large triangle created by pieces #1 and #2, then trim just outside the seam allowance line.
7. Place #3 triangle piece with right side up on unmarked side of foundation. Holding the foundation up to the light with the marked side of the foundation facing you, position the #3 piece so it extends 1/4" over the edges of the marked #3 triangle on the foundation. Dab a little fabric glue on the wrong side of the fabric to hold it in place on the foundation.
8. On the unmarked side of the foundation with right sides together, place the #4 triangle on top of the #3 triangle. Pin in place well away from sewing line between pieces #3 and #4.
9. On the marked side of the foundation sew on sewing line between pieces #3 and #4 beginning and ending 2 to 3 stitches into the seam allowance.
10. On the unmarked side of the foundation, open #4 triangle and gently press.
11. On the marked side of the foundation place a straight edge along the "3+4 seam line" and fold the foundation over onto itself. Crease foundation. Measure 1/4" beyond the fold and trim away excess fabric.
12. On the marked side of the foundation stay stitch in the middle of the seam allowance around the large triangle created by pieces #3 and #4, then trim just outside the seam allowance line.
13. Remove the paper foundation.

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14. Using a 1/4" seam sew the long edge of the pieced #1&2 triangle to the long edge of the pieced #3&4 triangle. Press seam open.
15. Repeat steps 1 through 14 to make a total of 4 quarter blocks.
16. Using the block diagram, sew the quarter blocks together, pressing all seams open.



Pinwheel 1 Foundation

