

Step 2 (3" blocks + 2" sashing)

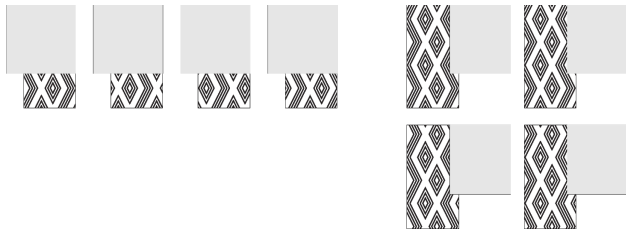
Cutting

Background fabric	cut 96 2" squares
X fabrics	cut 48 strips 1 1/2" x 3" from one fabric cut 48 strips 1 1/2" x 3" from another fabric
Sashing	cut 2 strips 2" x 21 1/2" Cut 2 strips 2" x 24 1/2"

Sewing

For each block:

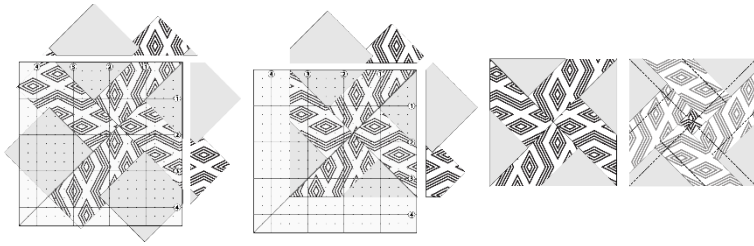
Layer the background 2" square and an X fabric 1 1/2" x 3" strip right sides together. Sew along the right side of the square using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press toward the square. Make 4.



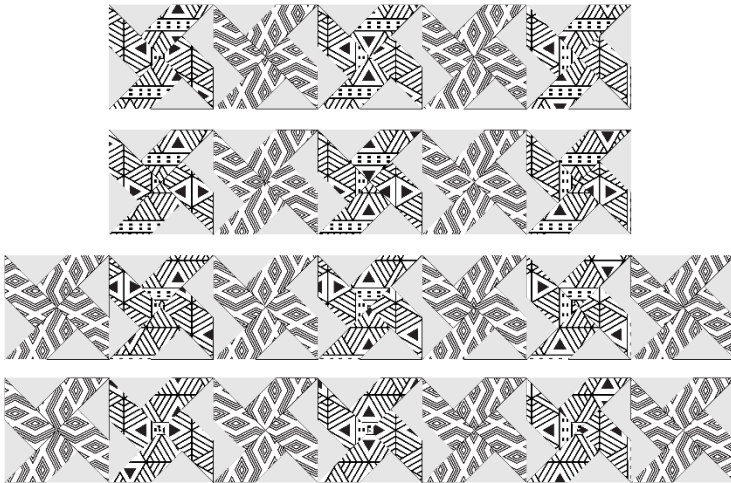
Arrange the units as shown and sew together like a four patch. Pinwheel press the seams.



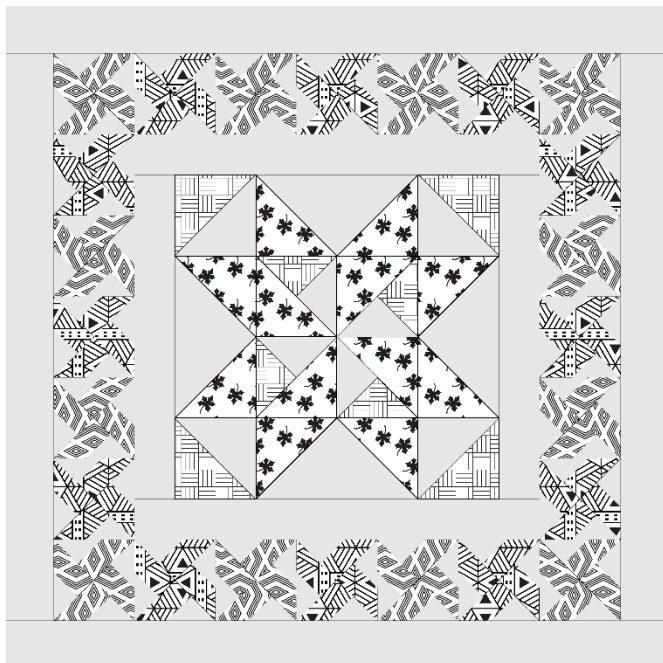
Using a square ruler with a diagonal mark, trim the unit to 3 1/2" square. Make sure the seams are on the corners exactly before trimming. Make 12 from one color combo, and 12 from another color combo.



Sew two rows of 5 blocks (alternating colors) and two rows of 7 blocks (alternating colors). The seams on the blocks with 'nest' at the corners. Use care as these blocks have bias edges.



Sew the rows of 5 blocks to opposite sides of step one unit. Sew the rows of 7 blocks to the remaining two sides.



Sashing

Sew the 2" x 21 ½" sashing to opposite sides of step two unit. Press toward the sashing strips. Sew the 2" x 24 ½" sashing to the remaining two sides. Press toward the sashing strips. The size will now be 24 ½" square. Trim if needed.

Bring your progress to share at show and tell. It will be fun to see how similar/different our quilts are. Feel free to send your questions or compliments to the committee!