

# **Farmington Valley Quilt Guild**

## **Friendship Blocks**

**2016-2017**

September 2016-Surprise Pinwheel

November-Pick up Sticks

March-Heart Appliqué

May-15 min of Play Rectangle

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## Surprise Pinwheel by MSQC

Complete for  
September 2016

### Supplies:

- 1 2.5 inch strip of blue fabric
- 1 2.5 inch strip of white (background)

Fabrics could be tone on tone, solids, or read blue/white from a distance.

From the Blue strip:

Cut 4 4 inch rectangles

4 6 inch rectangles

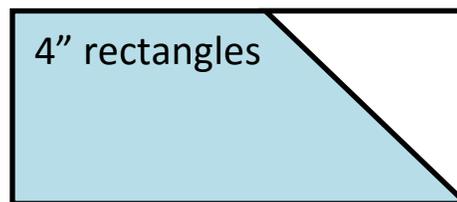
From white (background)

Cut 4 4 inch squares

8 2.5 inch squares

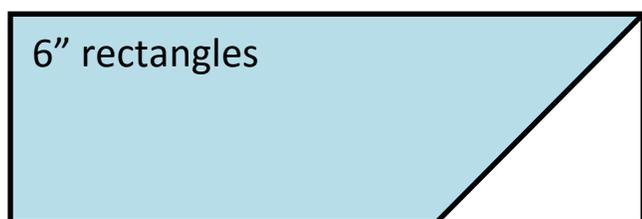
On the 8 2.5" white squares draw a diagonal line or finger press diagonally.

Sew these onto the 4" blue rectangles.



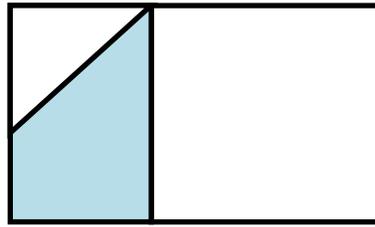
Repeat with the 6" blue rectangles

\*\*\*BUT SWITCH THE Diagonal THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION\*\*\*



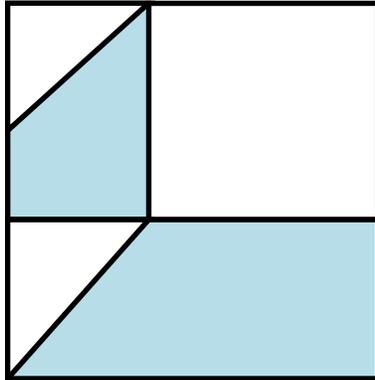
Sew the 4" rectangle to the 4" white background square. Repeat with remaining rectangles.

\*\*press color to background\*\*

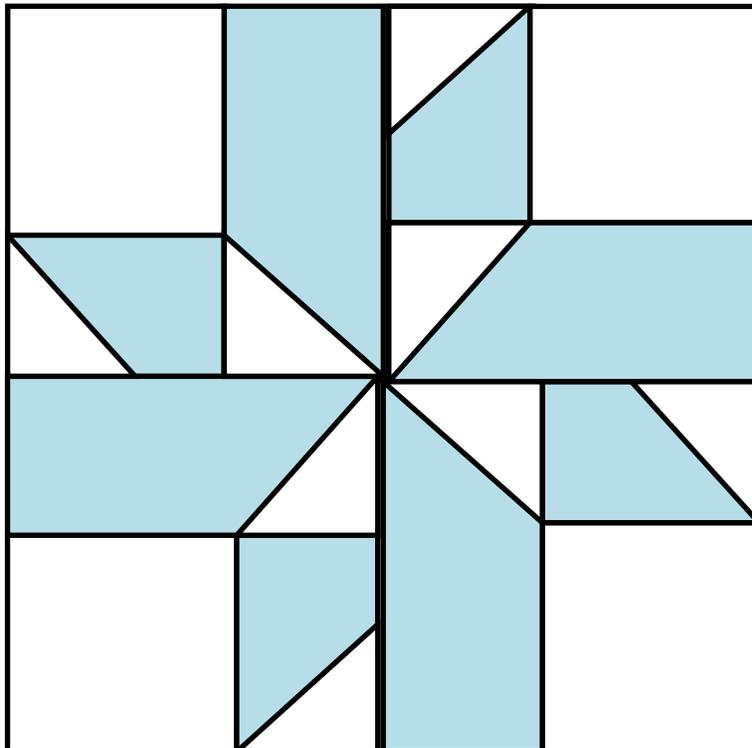


Attach 6inch rectangle to the side of the 4 inch square.

Repeat for all 4.



Now put the 4 squares together as a 4 patch and you'll have a pinwheel in the center of the block.



# Complete for November 2016

## Pick Up Sticks-Unfinished 10 ½” Finished 10”

Inspired by <https://happysewlucky.wordpress.com/2015/05/10/pick-up-sticks-quilt-block-tutorial/>

Unfinished block: 10 ½”

Finished size: 10”

Colors: Black background (solid black, black on black, tone on tone, reads black)

Sticks: 2” strips of Bright colors (cotton)

Start with a 12” background square

Cut a slice from bottom to top (you choose the angle)

Insert one stick into the slice. Sew together and press.

Add 1-2 more sticks.



Sticks may overlap or not cross at all.

Trim to 10 ½” unfinished square.

# Complete for March, 2017 Friendship Block The Heart Block Unfinished 12 ½" 12" finished

**Applique heart** with corner triangles.

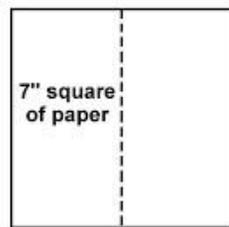
**Color scheme:** red, white and pink.



## Directions:

Cut a 12.5" background square.

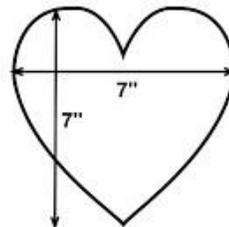
Cut four 4" smaller squares for corners. Draw on back or press a diagonal guideline on each small square.



Fold 7" square of paper in half.



Draw half heart. Cut on line.

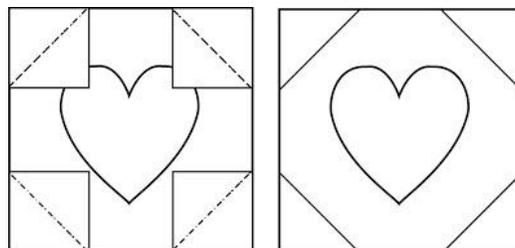


Unfold for pattern.

## For heart pattern:

Cut a 7" square from paper (or freezer paper). Fold paper in half. Draw half of a heart, making sure the drawn line touches the outside edges of the folded paper. Cut out heart. Unfold for pattern.

Use your favorite appliqué method to prepare fabric heart. Optically center the heart on the background square and appliqué it into place.



With right sides together, put four small squares on corners of background square (*shown above on left*). Sew on the diagonal guideline. Fold back on seam line to form corner triangles (*right*). Press. Trim excess fabric layers from back.

# Complete for May 2017

## 15 Minutes of Play Inspired Block -FREE PIECED FABRIC MAKING

<http://www.15minutesplay.com/>

Got your bin of scraps? Here's a step by step of 15 minutes of play...  
Put those strips of fabric away and dig out all your little bits...

They go together quickly, Don't think, just sew!

Grab a handful of various sized scraps. Sew one on, press open.

This is a good place to add in angles. Is it looking to straight up and down? Lay your next piece on at an angle....

You don't have to line up your seams.

**Always press your pieces as you sew them on**, this will keep your allowances smooth and flat on the back. Keep adding bits... at odd angles, you do NOT need to follow your fabric edge when you do this. **THINK ANGLES** at all times... sew it on, trim off the bit that sticks out...

Keep adding around and trim off pieces that stick out. **SAVE** the BITS and add them in other places or use to start a new block.

Working on any edge that you can add to, keep adding bits and pieces to your made fabric. We are NOT focused on making a SQUARE. just focused on making a usable piece of FABRIC.

If your edges get to Curvy or crazy, just trim them to a straight edge. Just don't focus on making them square. You may find you are working with a pentagon or hexagon shape or some unrecognizable shape... just keep adding where you can.

If you find your piece, as you practice, does not lay flat, then cut off the wavy bit.

Once you cut that wavy part off, you will find "THAT wavy SCRAP" will lay flat after you cut it off. Save it and use it on your next block.

Trim your fabric creation to 3.5" x 12.5"

