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Twist 'n' Spin Place Mats

SPECIFICATIONS

Skill Level: Beginner

Place Mat Size: 21¼" x 13¾"

Number of Place Mats: 2

Take a spin with a set of charm squares. The Lil' Twister tool make these mats super simple—just in time for supper.



INSTRUCTIONS

Completing the Pieced Units

Step 1. Select four A squares for one place mat.

Step 2. Join the A squares to make an A strip as shown in Figure 1; press seams in one direction.



Figure 1

Step 3. Sew a C strip to each short end and B strips to opposite long sides of the pieced A strip as shown in Figure 2; press seams toward B and C strips.



Figure 2

Step 4. Place the Lil' Twister tool at the top left corner of the A-B-C strip with lines on the ruler aligned with the seam lines as shown in Figure 3; cut to make one pinwheel unit as shown in Figure 4.

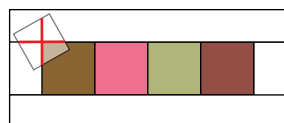


Figure 3



Figure 4

Note: Using a rotating mat makes it easy to cut around all four sides of the ruler without moving the stitched unit or your body.

Step 5. Moving left to right and top to bottom, position the tool on the seam lines and cut a total of 10 pinwheel units as shown in Figure 5.

Note: Handle and press the pinwheel units carefully. The edges are bias and will stretch easily.

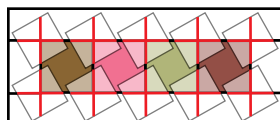


Figure 5

Step 6. Lay out the pinwheel units in the same order they were cut to make two rows of five pinwheel units each as shown in Figure 6.

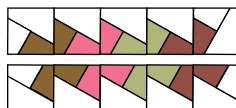


Figure 6

Step 7. Join the pinwheel units as arranged to make two rows of five units each; press seams in opposite directions.

Step 8. Join the two rows to complete the pinwheel strip as shown in Figure 7; press seam in one direction.

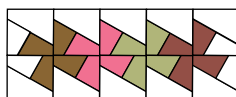


Figure 7

Step 9. Trim the pinwheel strip $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the tips of the A fabrics to make a $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $14\frac{1}{4}$ " strip as shown in Figure 8. Stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge all around to stabilize the edges.

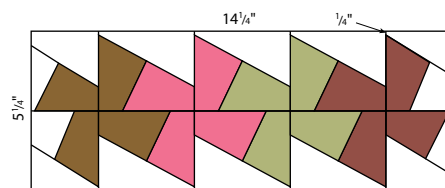


Figure 8

Step 10. Repeat Steps 1–9 to complete a second pinwheel strip.

Completing the Place Mats

Step 1. Sew a D strip to opposite long sides of each pinwheel strip; press seams toward D strips.

Step 2. Sew E to one D side and F to the other D side of the pieced strip to complete one place-mat top; press seams toward D strips.

Step 3. Repeat Step 2 with the second pieced strip, and E and F pieces, to complete a second place-mat top.

Step 4. Sandwich one batting rectangle between one pieced top and one backing rectangle; pin or baste layers together to hold.

Step 5. Quilt as desired by hand or machine; remove pins or basting. Trim excess backing and batting even with quilt top.

Step 6. Join binding strips on short ends with diagonal seams to make one

| FABRIC Measurements based on 42" usable fabric width. | PATTERN PIECES | #STRIPS & PIECES | CUT | #PIECES | SUBCUT |
|---|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 8 coordinating 5" x 5" charm squares | A | | | | |
| 1/2 yard tan tonal | B | 4 | 3" x 42" | 4 | 23 1/2" strips |
| | C | 4 | | 4 | 5" strips |
| 1/2 yard brown mottled | D | 2 | 2" x 42" | 4 | 14 1/4" strips |
| | | 4 | 2 1/4" x 42" for binding | | |
| 5/8 yard green print | E | 1 | 3 1/2" x 42" | 2 | 14 1/4" strips |
| | F | 1 | 11" x 42" | 2 | 11" x 14 1/4" rectangles |

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| Backing | | 2 | 25" x 18" | | |

SUPPLIES

- Batting: (2) 25" x 18"
- Neutral-color all-purpose thread
- Quilting thread
- Lil' Twister ruler*
- Rotating cutting mat (optional)
- 8 (7/8") round buttons (optional)
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

*Lil' Twister ruler by CS Designs used to make samples.



long strip; trim seams to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press seams open. Fold the strip in half along length with wrong sides together; press.

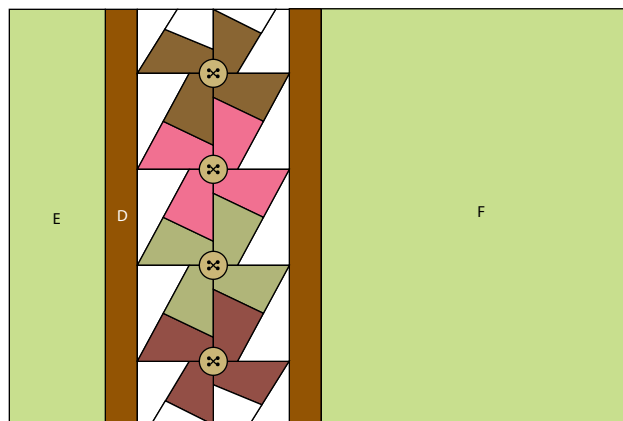
Step 7. Sew binding to the right side of the place mat edges, overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back side and stitch in place.

Step 8. Sew a button to the center of each pinwheel motif, if desired.

Step 9. Repeat Steps 4–8 to complete a second place mat. **QW**

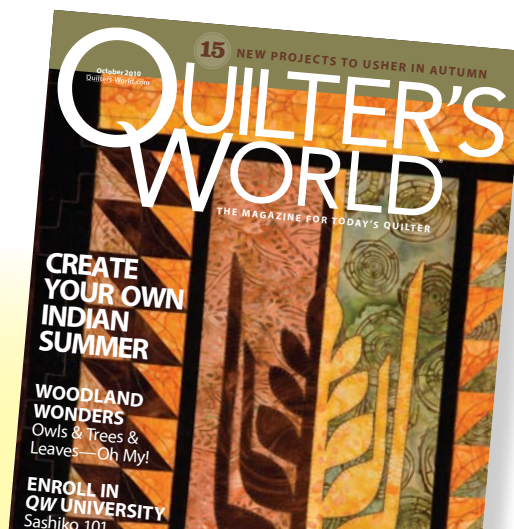
How to Quilt

The nested pinwheels are quilted with a plumed spiral that mimics their shape. Use a simple serpentine in the brown strips and an allover meander in the larger green areas.



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Placement Diagram $21\frac{1}{4}$ " x $13\frac{3}{4}$ "

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