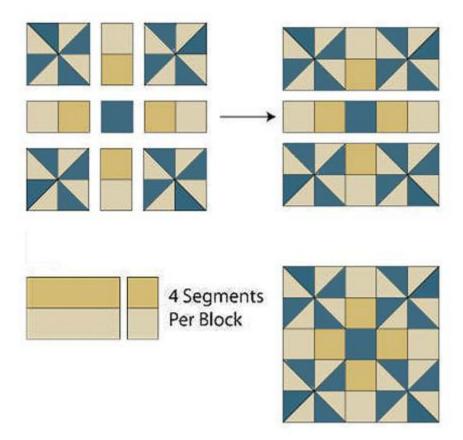
Grandma's Favorite Quilt Block



Grandma's Favorite is a popular, traditional five-patch quilt block pattern with a pinwheel in each of its four corners. The quilt block can be assembled in different ways but we'll make it with a combination of half-square triangle units, easy strip piecing, and plain squares.

Finished Quilt Block Size: 10" x 10"

The same background is used throughout in the example. Pinwheels in the four corners of the quilt block are Dark and Light background. Dark is repeated at the block's center. Medium will stand out near the block's center.

Dark:

(8) 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" squares (1) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" square

Medium:

(1) 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strip

Light background:

(8) 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" squares (1) 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strip

Sew the Quilt Block

Pair each 2-7/8" Dark square with a background square of the same size, creating 16 half-square triangle units that each measure 2-1/2" x 2-1/2". See instructions for making 8 triangles at the same time.

Sew the 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" medium and light strips together lengthwise. Press the seam allowance towards the darker strip. Square up one end of the strip set you just made and then cut four 2-1/2" wide segments from it.

Arrange the components as shown in the upper left portion of the illustration. Create four pinwheels for block corners, taking care to orient the triangles as illustrated. Sew each of the four pinwheel groups together.

Sew a background unit between pinwheels in the top and bottom rows. Press seam allowances towards the rectangular units. Sew together the components of the middle row, pressing seam allowances towards the center square. Sew the three rows together, matching seam intersections carefully. Press. The quilt block should measure 10-1/2" x 10-1/2". Repeat to make more blocks if desired.