

PIN WHEELS

PIN WHEELS with an ancestral name older yet—"Flutter Wheels—is one of the easiest of all patchworks to make. We remember seeing this motif on "Barbara Fritchie's" quilt in her house at Frederick, Maryland.

The only bit of wisdom to proffer on making this pattern is to cut all triangles on the true diagonal, that is with threads parallel to the two shorter sides each time, and then to not stretch the bias edges in seaming them together.

This may be an all-over pattern or the nine patch unit here shown may be used as a block and set together with lattice strips or plain squares. This is a good design for using scrap material of the children's frocks and rompers—dainty bits of print and plain to

commemorate happy days. Seams may or may not be allowed extra. A clever patchwork border to use between plain strips could be composed of little pin wheel squares set diagonally between triangles, like the center band from this block.

Material Estimate: If seams are allowed extra, the blocks will finish 18 inches square—16 blocks set together with 4-inch strips of white, will finish about 84 inches square. This requires 2 1/2 yards of yellow, 2 yards of green, and 4 yards of white, or 8 1/2 yards in all

A Maple Leaf, from perforated pattern No. 330, at 30 cents, would be interesting quilted on each 6-inch square, with the narrow cable, No. 257, on the strips between blocks.



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