

# Colorplay

The pattern for Jo Barry's quilt is in the March 2008 *Quilters Newsletter* (400). Here is an alternative piecing method. Three pinwheel patches of different colors are stitched into triangular units, and the units are joined side by side, every other one rotated, into horizontal rows as shown in the partial quilt assembly diagram. This method allows for far fewer set-in seams.

Prepare the pinwheel patches over paper liners with English paper piecing, as described in the March issue. Referring to the partial quilt assembly diagram, lay the patches on a flat surface or design wall in groups of 6 alike to form the pinwheels. If you don't have a surface large enough for the entire quilt, work in sections. Rows alternate between 12 and

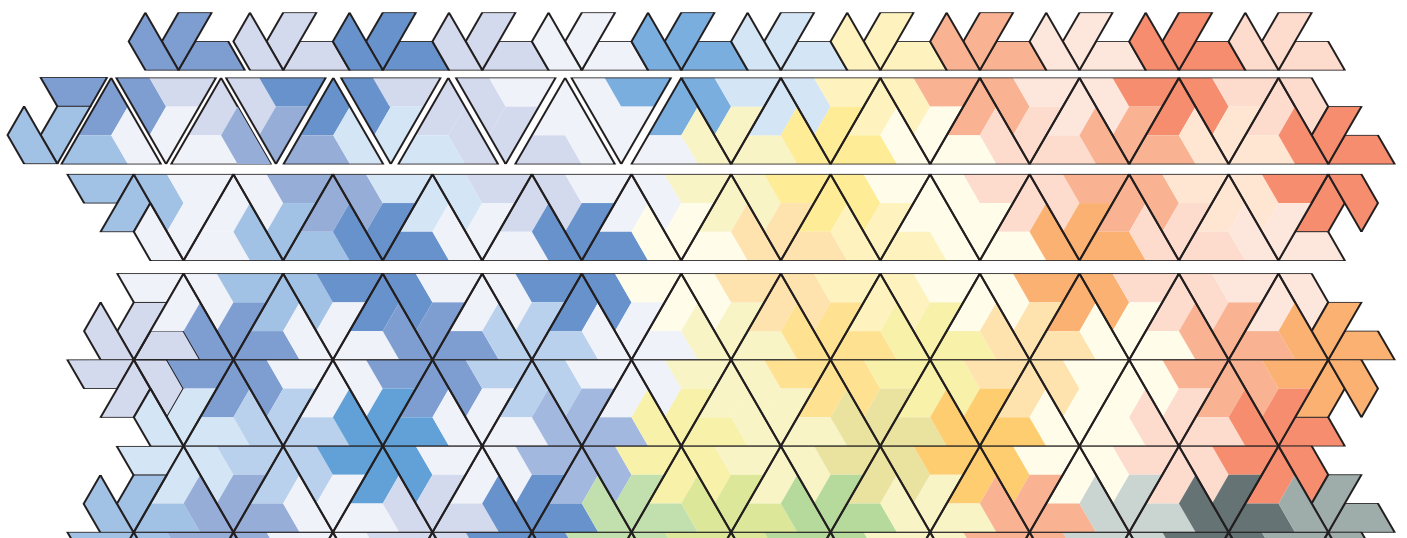
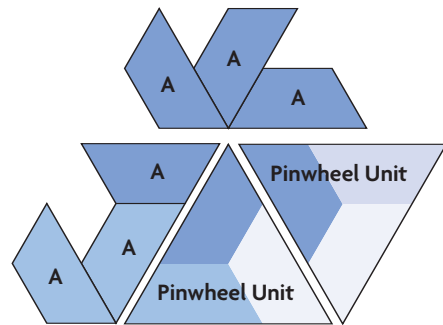
13 pinwheels. On the design wall, **arrange 3 lined patches from 3 different pinwheels together to form each pinwheel unit**. Spread the units apart slightly so it is easy to keep track of them. The units form horizontal rows as shown in the **partial quilt assembly**. Note that there are odd patches and partial units left over on the ends of each row and at the top and bottom of the quilt that are sewn on individually, not in complete units.

Using English paper-piecing methods, join 3 different patches to make each pinwheel unit. Once a unit is made, return it to the design wall so that the pinwheels remain in the correct orientation. Repeat this step with all the pinwheel units.

Sew the units side by side to

make the horizontal rows. Add the odd patches and partial units at the ends of each row. Join the rows. Sew the odd patches and partial units along the top and bottom edges of the quilt.

Leave the paper templates in the patches for now. Complete the quilt as described in the issue.



PARTIAL QUILT ASSEMBLY

## Colorplay Paper Liners for English Paper Piecing

For the quilt shown, you need more than 1400 paper liners for the pinwheel patches. Print 60 copies of this sheet,

cut the paper patches apart on the lines, and use them as the liners for the fabric pinwheel patches.

