

Training Wheels



PROJECT RATING:

Challenging

Size: 48" × 53½"



QUILT BY **Sharon Hart.**

This old favorite is made with fresh fabrics. The bold contemporary prints bring motion to these little training wheels.

MATERIALS

6 fat quarters* assorted pink and green prints for blocks
1½ yards light yellow print for blocks
¾ yard dark yellow print #1 for block centers and binding
¾ yard dark yellow print #2 for inner border
¾ yard green print for outer border
Paper-backed fusible web
3½ yards backing fabric
Fons & Porter's Wagon Wheel Template Set or template material
Twin-size quilt batting
*fat quarter = 18" × 20"

NOTE: Fabrics in the quilt shown are from the Mingle collection by Monaluna for Kaufman Fabrics.

Cutting

If you are not using the Wagon Wheel Template Set, make templates from the patterns on page 4. Punch hole in B template at point indicated by dot on pattern piece. Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Follow manufacturer's instructions for using fusible web.

From each fat quarter, cut:

- 28 A.

From light yellow print, cut:

- 157 B.

From dark yellow print #1, cut:

- 33 Centers.

NOTE: For instructions on keeping fusible appliqué soft and flexible, go to www.fonsandporter.com/wfa

- 6 (2¼"-wide) strips for binding.

From dark yellow print #2, cut:

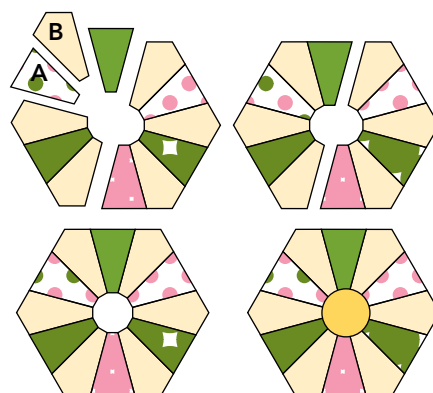
- 5 (2"-wide) strips for inner border.

From green print, cut:

- 5 (4½"-wide) strips for outer border.

Wheel Assembly

1. Choose 6 assorted A pieces and 6 light yellow print B pieces. Mark dot on each B piece. Join 3 A pieces and 3 B pieces as shown in *Wheel Diagrams* to make a hexagon half. Make 2 halves; join to complete 1 hexagon.



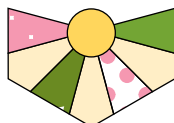
Wheel Diagrams

2. Position 1 Center atop hexagon, covering raw edges of A and B pieces. Fuse in place.

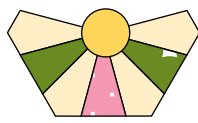
Sew Smart™:

Work on an appliqué pressing sheet when fusing so you don't get fusible residue on your ironing surface. —Marianne

3. Using matching thread and a decorative machine stitch, appliqué Center on hexagon to complete 1 Wheel. Make 18 Wheels.
4. In the same manner, make 11 X Half Wheels and 4 Y Half Wheels (*Half Wheel Diagrams*).



X Half Wheel



Y Half Wheel

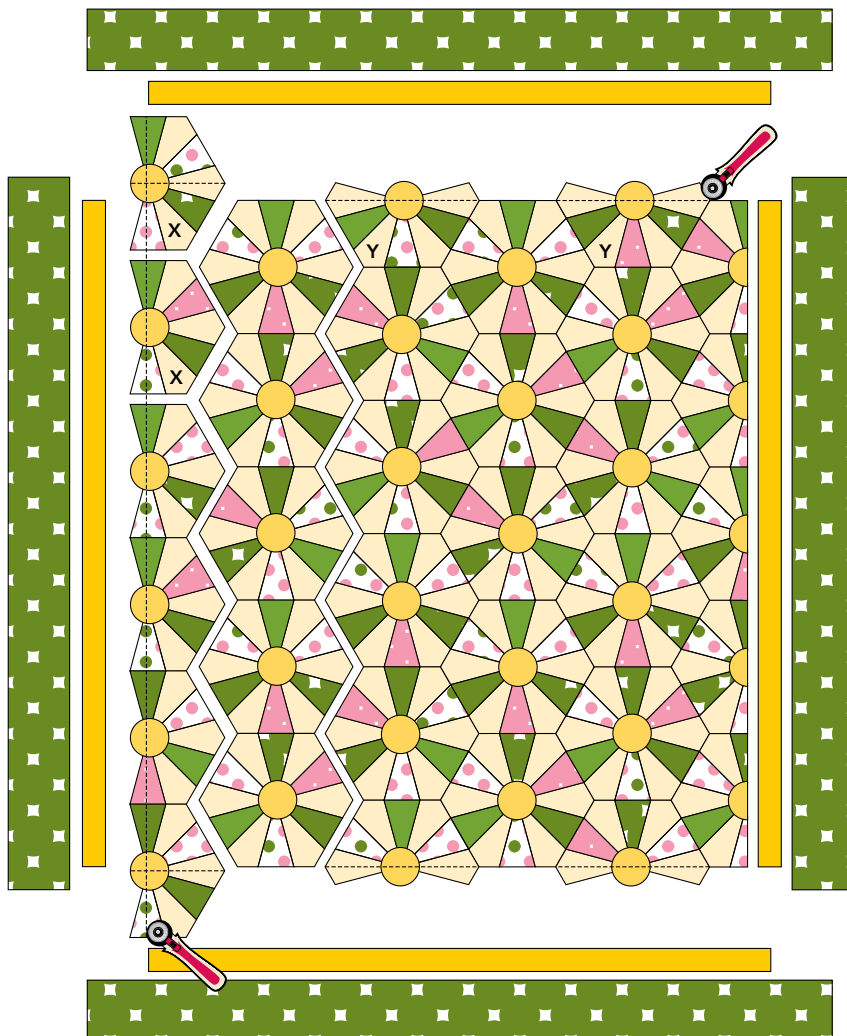
Half Wheel Diagrams

Quilt Assembly

1. Lay out Wheels and Half Wheels as shown in *Quilt Top Assembly Diagram*. Join into vertical rows, stitching from dot to dot and backstitching at dots; leave seam allowance free beyond dots. In the same manner, join rows to complete quilt center.
2. Trim edges of quilt top to straighten as shown in *Quilt Top Assembly Diagram*.
3. Measure length of quilt center. Make 2 side inner borders this measurement using dark yellow #2 print strips. Add borders to quilt.
4. Measure width of quilt center (including side borders). Make 2 top and bottom inner borders this measurement using dark yellow #2 print strips. Add borders to quilt.
5. Repeat steps #3 and #4 for outer borders, using green print strips.

Finishing

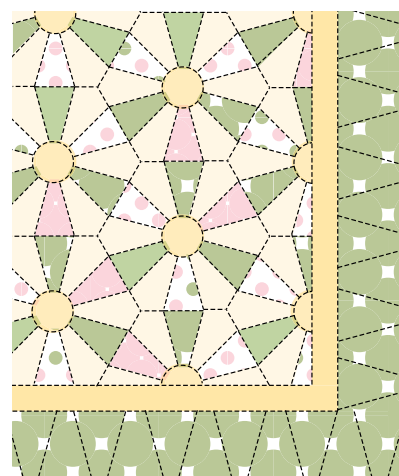
1. Divide backing into 2 (1¼-yard) lengths. Cut 1 piece in half lengthwise to make 2 narrow panels. Join 1 narrow panel to wider panel.



Quilt Top Assembly Diagram

Remaining panel is extra and can be used to make a hanging sleeve.

2. Layer backing, batting, and quilt top; baste. Quilt as desired. Quilt shown was quilted in the ditch and with straight lines in the outer border. (*Quilting Diagram*).
3. Join 2¼"-wide dark yellow #1 print strips into 1 continuous piece for straight-grain French-fold binding. Add binding to quilt.

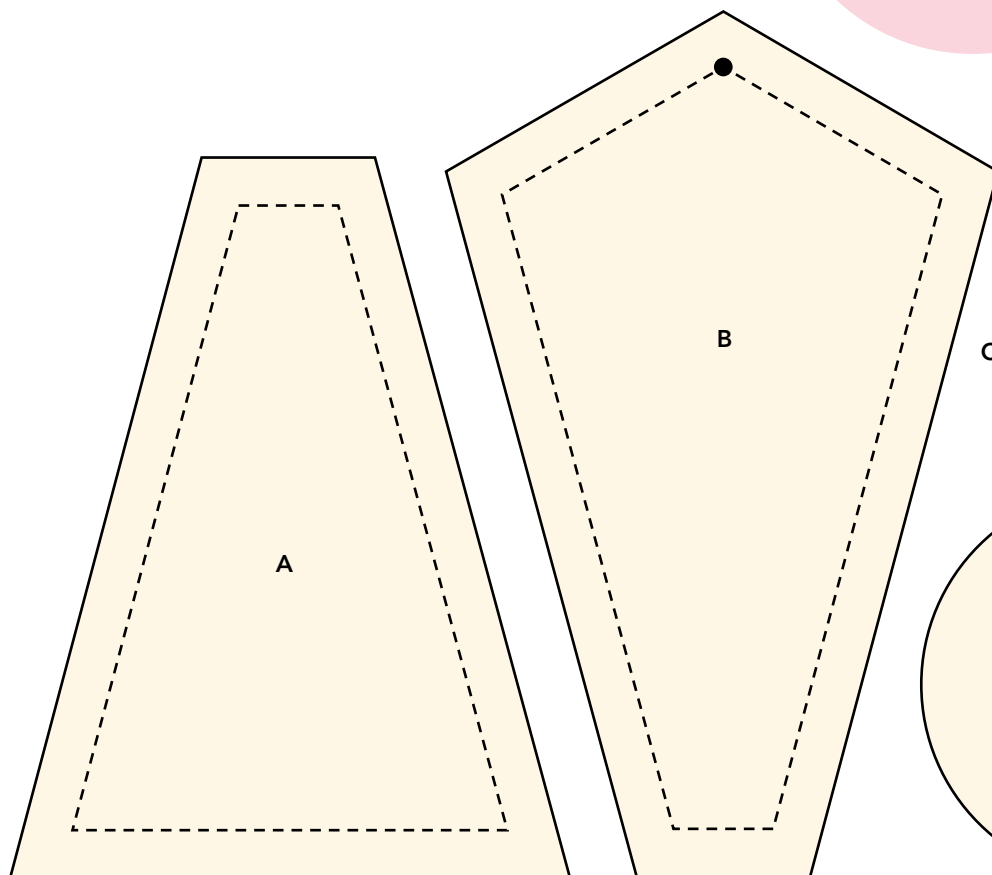


Quilting Diagram

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This pattern works well for quilt lovers of any age.

We used Java Batiks from
Galaxy Fabrics for this version.



Center is shown actual size for
use with fusible web.
Add $\frac{3}{16}$ " seam allowance
for hand appliqué.

