

# Colorado Block



The Colorado Block was published in 1941 in the Kansas City Star. It was created by Mrs. Pearl Bacon who lived in Northwest Kansas on the border of Kansas and Colorado as a token of friendship.

The block has many options depending on what color pathways you choose. My favorite is using the same colors on the interior pinwheel and contrasting fabrics on the triangles framing the pinwheel center.

Enjoy!  
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## Directions

**Size:** Approximately 12" Block

### Materials Needed:

- 1 fat quarter white or neutral fabric
- 1 fat quarter patterned fabric
- Optional - fabric scraps for contrasting print fabric (Print A) in center block (my favorite way!)

### Cut:

- 8 - 4" square blocks of the white or neutral fabrics
- 8 - 4" square blocks of the pattern fabric

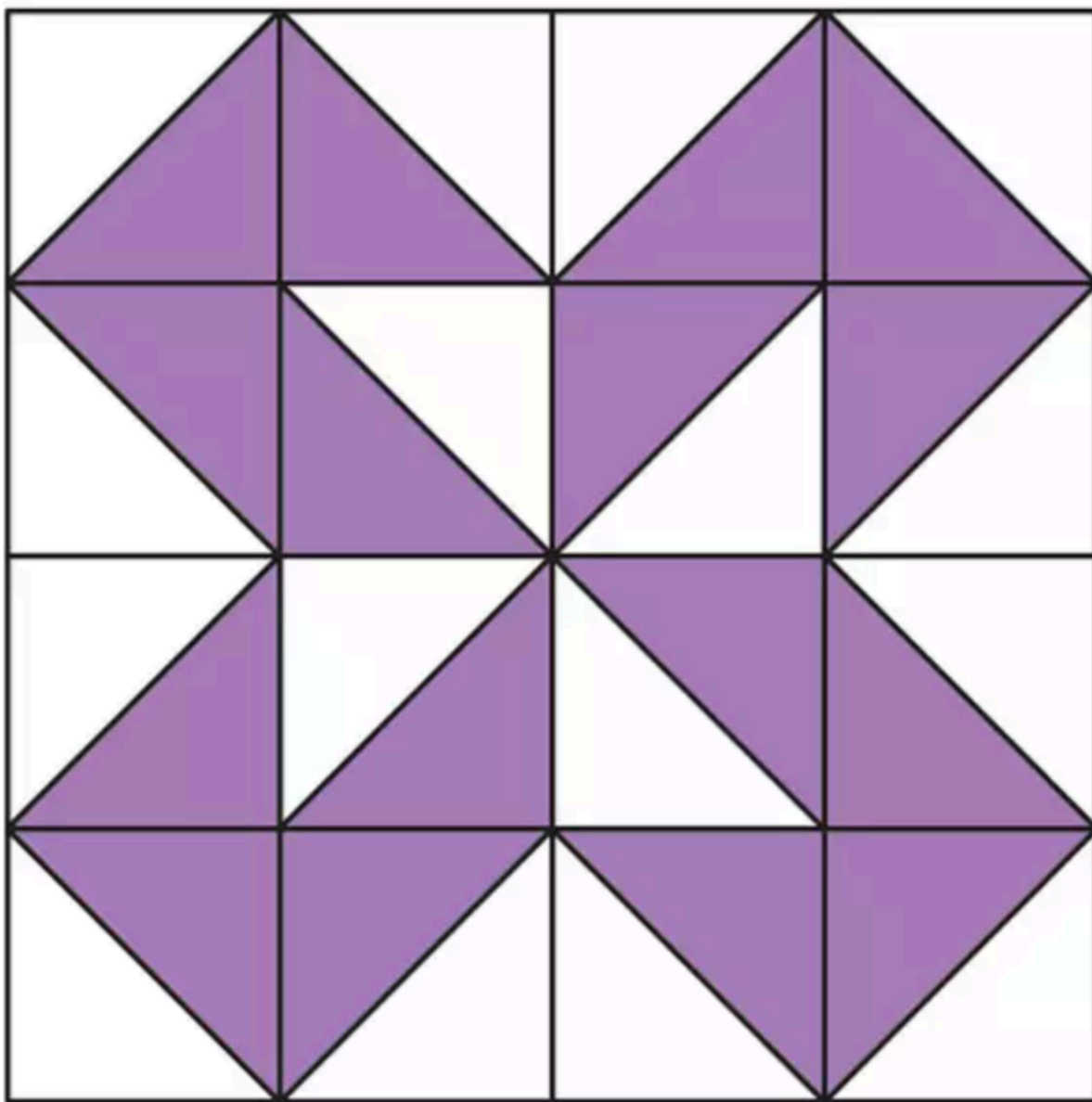
### If you are making the contrasting pinwheel center:

- 8 - 4" square blocks of the white or neutral fabrics
- 2 - 4" square blocks of Print A for contrasting pinwheel center
- 6 - 4" square blocks of Print B for outer blocks

### Directions:

- To sew a block, lay a white block on top of a patterned fabric block with right sides together.
- Draw a diagonal line across the block on top.
- Stitch 1/4" from each edge of the center line.
- Cut on the center line and press the block open. This will create the small triangle blocks that make up this larger quilt block.
- Repeat for the next 7 blocks. You should have a total of 16 triangle blocks.
- Press and trim the blocks to 3 1/2" square.
- Arrange and sew according to the diagram on the next page.

## *Block Assembly Diagram*



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