Pinwheel Bars
Block of the Month - March 2017 (botm@mnquilt.org)
10” unfinished

Jan Shaffer, Blue Earth Block Swapper, made this block in lilac, based on a block in Heather Mulder Peterson’s book: *On the Run Again*. If you are re-creating the raffle quilt, you may want to add a thicker outer border to get to the 10 ½” block size.

**Fabrics and cutting:**
Deep purple (for center):
A (1) 2” x 2”

Medium purple:
B (4) 2” x 4”
C (2) 1-1/2” x 8”
D (2) 1-1/2” x 10”

Pale purple or white:
E (4) 1” x 4”
F (2) 1-1/2” x 6”
G (2) 1-1/2” x 8”

**Instructions:**
1) Sew 1 E on the right side of 1 B. Repeat with remaining B+E pieces. Press light fabric toward dark and trim to 4” x 2 ½”.

2) ***See note below on partial seams and step by step diagram above!***
Place A on BE, but instead of sewing down completely, stop stitching about halfway down A (about 1”). Leave the end of A (2” x 2” square) loose. BE will be a bit longer than A at this point. Press seam toward dark.

3) Take another BE piece. You’ll see it’s the same length as the AEB piece you just made. Sew BE to AEB. Press seam toward dark. Repeat with the remaining BE pieces.

4) After you've added the 4th BE piece, carefully position (and pin) the end of the last open BE piece. Sew it to close up the opening that you left free in step 1. Press square making sure that all light fabrics are pressed against dark fabrics. Trim to 6” square.

5) For the inner (light) border: To the top and bottom of this 6” square, add F. Press toward the dark. Add G to the sides of the square. Press toward the dark and trim to 8” square.

6) For the outer (medium) border: To the top and bottom of this 8” square, add C. Press toward the dark. Then add D to the sides of the square. Press all seams to the dark. Square up your block to 10”.

*** If you'd like to see a tutorial on how to make partial seams, see [www.freshlemonsquilts.com/partial-seams-tutorial/](http://www.freshlemonsquilts.com/partial-seams-tutorial/) or google partial seams and choose a site of your liking. Jeanne likes the 2:30 video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNcPMH0rzhU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNcPMH0rzhU).

BOM GUIDELINES: Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. Please include your name on your block(s). Make it simple: stick your mailing label on the back of each block. If you have any scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned to the block or in an attached baggie) for the winner to use in a border or for other finishing touches. If you cannot bring the blocks to the October 6th and 8th meetings, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the drawings. Address: Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc, 253 State Street, St. Paul MN 55107. We'll have a drawing at both the Thursday night and Saturday meeting if we have enough blocks. If we get only a few on Thursday night, we'll do one drawing on Saturday. You need not be present to win. We'll call to notify winners. Blocks can be mailed to the winner or picked up at the MQ office or at the next meeting.