

Quilt Block Club #5: Windowpane Block

Terms used in these instructions:

Block: The basic unit of design for a quilt. A single quilt will be made up of many blocks, which may be identical or use a variety of patterns. Blocks are generally, though not always, square.

Half square triangle (HST): A fabric square made up of two identical triangles, usually in contrasting colors.

RST Right Sides together (RST): Placing two pieces of fabric together so that the printed (“right”) sides face one another

Sampler quilt: A quilt in which each block is different from all the others.

Seam allowance: The area between the fabric edge and the stitching line on two pieces of fabric being sewn together

Tools:

Sewing machine
Thread and bobbin
Scissors
Pins
Marking pen or tailors chalk
Ruler or straight edge
Seam ripper
Iron
Ironing board
Rotary cutter
Cut mat

Supplies:

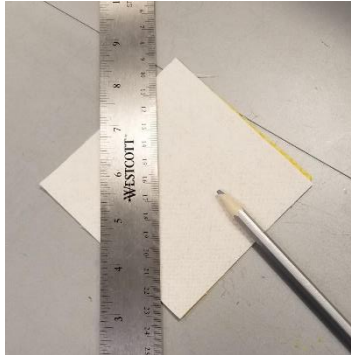
Yellow fabric: 1 square 5”
Red fabric: 1 square 5”
Green fabric: 1 square 1½”
Blue fabric: 4 strips 1½ x 4.5”
White fabric: 2 squares 5”



Instructions

Make 4 half square triangles (HSTs)

1. Place one 5" white square on top of your yellow square, right sides together (RST).
2. Using a ruler and marking pen, draw a straight line from one corner of the square to the opposite corner.



3. Sew two seams, one on either side of this line, $\frac{1}{4}$ " away.



4. Cut along the marked line.



5. Using a hot iron, press seams flat to set them, then press toward the darker fabric.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 using red square and 5" white square. You now have 4 HSTs! You can cut off any extra material to create a neater HST.



Create 3 Rows of 3

1. Lay out your HSTs, strips, and square of fabric in three rows to create a windowpane pattern.



2. Stitch one of your blue strips to the green square, short edges together. Remember to sew with RST and leave a 1/4" seam allowance. Use pins or fabric clips if needed.
3. Repeat step 2, sewing another blue strip to the opposite side of the square. You should now have a single strip which is 1.5" wide and 9.5" long.

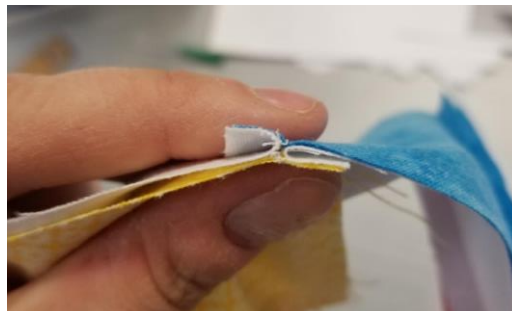


4. Using a hot iron, press seams flat to set them, then press toward the blue fabric.
5. Stitch one of your blue strips to one of your HSTs along its red or yellow edge. Remember to sew with RST and leave a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Use pins or fabric clips if needed.
6. Stitch a second HST to the opposite edge of the blue strip.
7. Using a hot iron, press seams flat to set them, then press toward the blue fabric.
8. Repeat steps 5-6 with your remaining blue strip and HSTs



Join rows together

1. Line up your top two rows, RST. Match up the vertical seams as precisely as possible. Since the seams have been pressed in opposite directions, they should “nest,” helping you to match them.



2. Stitch the two rows together. Remember to sew with RST and leave a ¼” seam allowance. Use pins or fabric clips if needed.

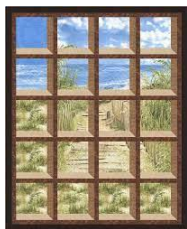
3. Using a hot iron, press seams flat to set them, then press toward the darker fabric.

4. Repeat steps 1-3 using the middle and bottom rows. You have finished your Windowpane Block!



Notes

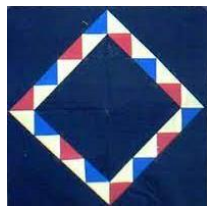
Many, many quilt blocks have been inspired by the view out the window! Some even give their quilts a three-dimensional look. There are also many, many blocks that go by the name “Dove in the Window,” one of which is the basis for today’s block. If you enjoyed making this block, check out other “window” variations:



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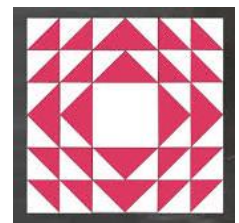
Cathedral Window



Vines at the Window



Rose Window



Broken Window

Dove in the Window:

