

THE GRAND QUILT GUILD

ROW BY ROW PROJECT 2025 – 2026

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THE CATHEDRAL WINDOW QUILT BLOCK



This is an absolutely stunning block.

The Cathedral Window quilt block stands out for its elegance and grace. This block represents the complexity and symmetry of stained glass windows found in Gothic Cathedrals. This block dates back to the middle 1900's. As there are more than one way to skin a cat, there is also more than one way to create a cathedral window quilt block. The method chosen here is by far the simplest and requires no (or limited) hand stitching.

Creating a Cathedral Windows quilt involves harmonizing shapes and colors. This quilt features folded fabric squares that create intricate designs resembling stained-glass windows. This quilt block traditionally does not require quilting.

This is a 6 (6 ½) inch block.

All seams are ¼ inch (unless otherwise specified).

- ❖ These instructions are for a STAND-ALONE quilt block. Different instructions are required to actually make a quilt top, where the blocks are joined together.

Fabric Requirements:

There are basically three (3) fabric requirements

- Background (which can be all different coloured squares, or just 1 (one) colour)
- Stained glass effect trim fabric (SGT) (should be all one colour)
- The center piece gem coloured

Cutting Directions:

All fabrics are cut the same size

Background:

Cut 4 x 3 ½ inch squares (either all 1 colour or mixed)

Stained glass trim: (SGT)

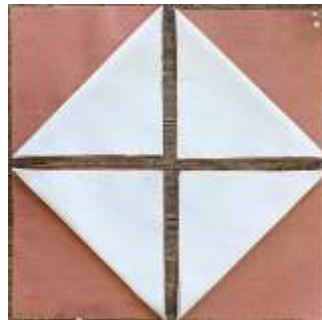
Cut 4 x 3 ½ inch squares (all one colour)

Center Piece:

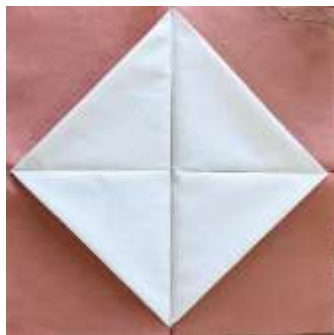
Cut 1 x 3 ½ inch square

ASSEMBLY

- 1 Fold each of the four (4) SGT fabric in half on the diagonal
- 2 Place each of these folded squares on the background squares right side up.



- 3 **Assemble the Blocks:** Align the blocks side by side and sew the outer edges together to create rows. Then, join the rows together.



- 4 Now lay your center square into position on top and center carefully.
- 5 Fold the edges of the SGT over the center piece creating a curved edge.
- 6 Now edge stitch carefully along this new curve to encase and secure the fabric square. The curved edge can also be hand stitched for a more pristine look.



As always any difficulty please contact me

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There are numerous tutorials available on-line for Cathedral Window quilts. Just remember to join these blocks together to make a quilt top / wallhanging / or pillow the method is slightly different.