

The window way tutorial

Square block



Introduction

Hi! I'm Victoria and I love cathedral window. I hope you too!

I started working with CW in 2014 and I realized that there were several ways to do it. I study and practice the different methods to do CW and, sometimes I make my way.

I found the books of Lynne Edwards; she explains the traditional way to make CW. She uses the traditional technique that folds the fabric to make the "envelope square unit" and teaches how to make rectangular and triangular units. Lynne Edwards also proposes unusual kinds of fabrics to make the projects. She inspires and delights us with her beautiful quilts. (Through the Window & Beyond: New Designs for Cathedral Window, 1995. Cathedral Window Quilts: The Classic Folded Technique and a Wealth of Variations, 2008).

The books of Shelly Swanland allow us to make the CW projects completely by machine. Her quilts are wonderful! (Machine-Stitched Cathedral Windows: Updating an Old Favorite-1999; Machine-Stitched Cathedral Stars-2001). There are many variations of her technique: the "10 minutes block" by Suzanne Mc Neil. Or the beautiful work of Vendulka Battais. (Cathedral Windows NEW VIEWS).

There is another method, popularized by Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company that is easy and fun. In my work, I explore this method in depth, most of all its variations.

Together, all these ways of doing CW offer us a variety of designs that I want to explore and share with you as I try them.

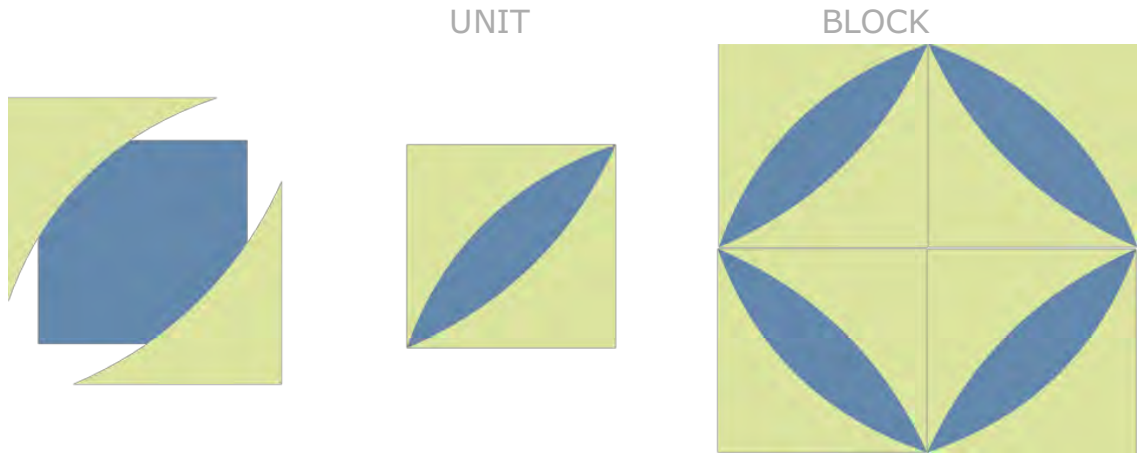
It is my greatest wish that you love CW as I do and that you can discover new ways to create beauty with this technique. We all feel the need to create beauty and when we do we are so happy!!

Some techniques are more challenging than others, sometimes we feel overwhelmed by a new thing to learn. Sometimes we are so busy that we cannot concentrate on the time required to learn. And we left projects undone or in our "to make" list. Usually, I feel this way, so I try to make things step by step trying to finish each part of the project and not all the projects at one time. I make the tutorials having this in mind so you can achieve your goals.

And ENJOY doing it!!

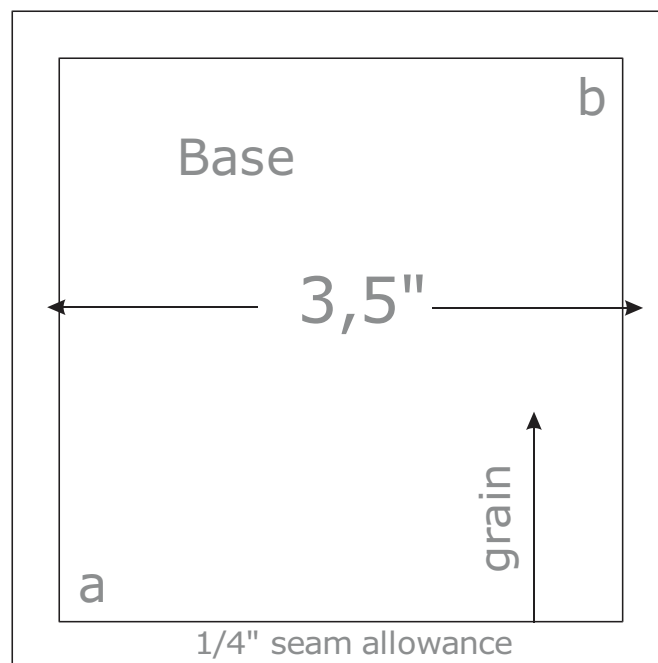
Unit and block

Cut three squares (3 1/2") of fabric that will be the base unit. One square for the foundation, the other two will make the side of the frame.

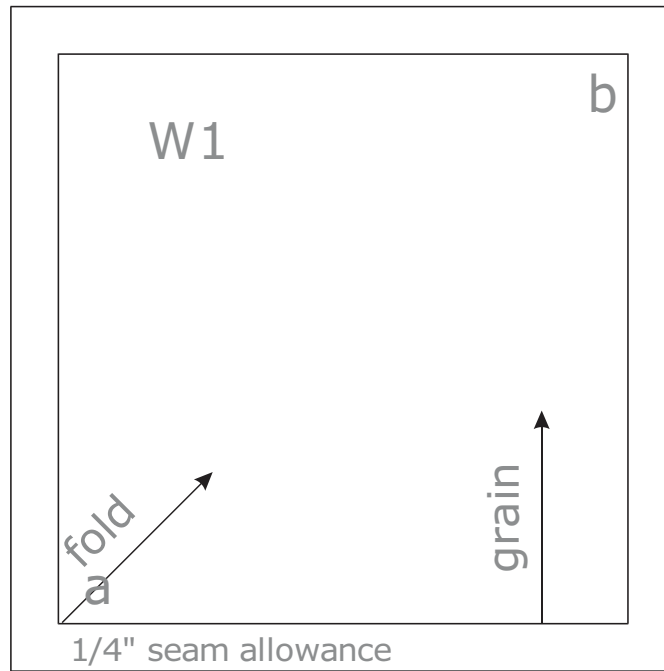


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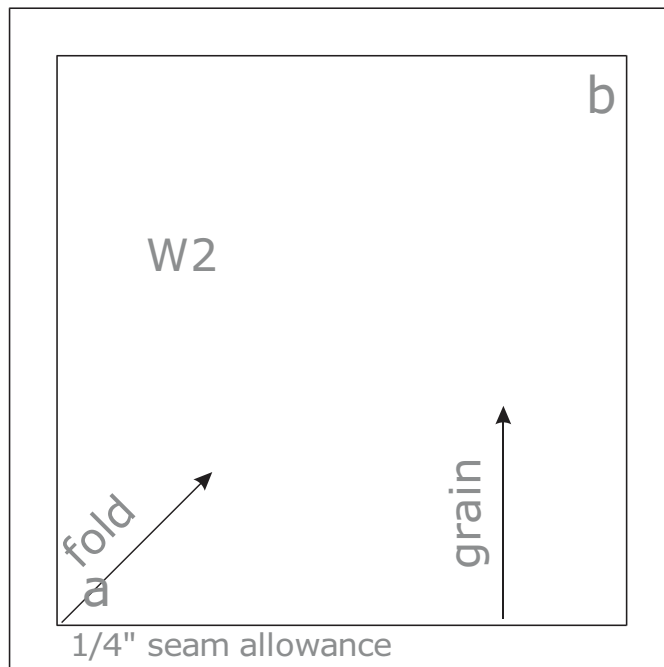
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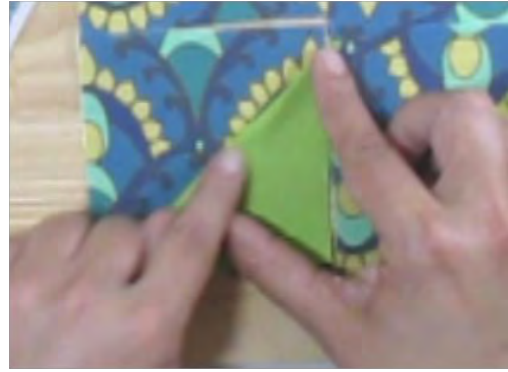
Window frame 1



Window frame 2



Fold two squares by the bias and press carefully.
Place them on the base square and hold each one with a pin.



The point a and b must match



Four of these units make a complete window.



Join these units taking care of matching the borders of the frames



and sew with a 1/4" seam.



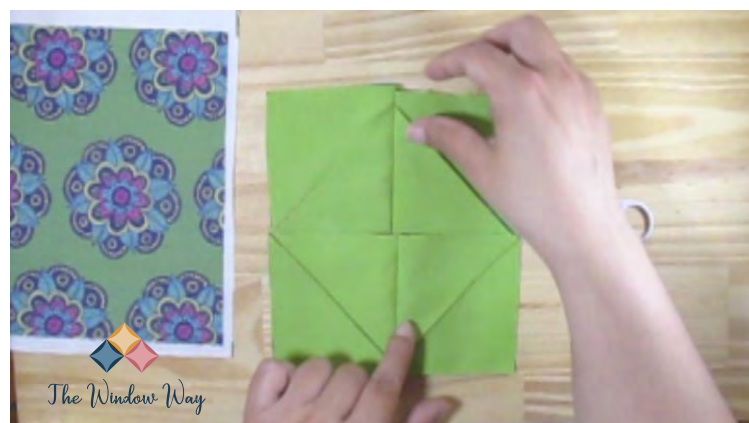
Press open the seams to reduce the bulk.



Trim or grade the seam.



Continue joining the squares.



Be careful to match all the seams.



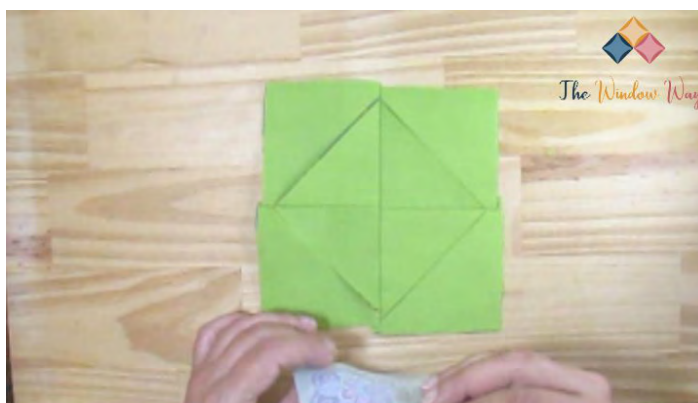
Sew along with the seams open.



Press well. Trim or grade the seams



This is our block. And now you can begin to make the window!



Place the window fabric in the frame



Fold the border of the window frame over the window fabric and sew by machine or by hand.



hand.

I love the shape of the window, everytime I make one I feel the same.



I hope you enjoy this tutorial.

Try this project with any combination of fabric you want.

It is a great block so easy and fun to make.

Remember to go step by step.

Remember to practice with muslin until you make the block easily.

Remember not to hear your little voice in your head that tells you all those things to keep you from learning. Learning something means change and, sometimes, we resist change ;)

You can contact me with any questions you may have, I would love to help you! For you, of course, and for me because answering is one of the best ways to keep learning!

And because of this web thing about meeting people without the presence of the person, I would like to ask you to contact me and let me know how can I improve the tutorial, how it feels to do it, if you could achieve your goals or whatever you want to share (maybe your finished project... I don't know, just saying :)).

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Thank you very much for your time and trust.

They are very valuable for me.

God bless you!