

Cathedral Windows Quilt



I am a total fabric junky (some would say hoarder), and I particularly LOVE to collect little bits of bright cotton. There tends to be a bit of a problem trying to justify having SO much tiny little bits of fabric, and cathedral window squares give me a great excuse!!!

Cathedral windows is a stunning pattern, that really looks great with all sorts of a variety of scraps. It is done entirely by hand, so it does take a certain amount of patience, but it's worth it! Personally, I find hand sewing to be very relaxing, so I'll work on it a bit here and there, when I need a break from other projects.

Step 1: Supplies



Here are the materials you will need:

- Solid cotton material (which will vary depending on the size and scope of your project... keep in mind that a 7" square of this fabric will amount to about 3" of quilt)
- A variety of 2" squares
- Ruler
- Fabric shears
- Hand sewing thread
- Hand sewing needle
- Pins
- Iron

Step 2: Cut Your Squares



This part is super easy.

With your solid fabric, (in my case, muslin) cut a square that is 7". How many squares you cut is entirely up to you and the size project you are working on. I tend to cut a handful at a time, since it'd all come from the same bolt of muslin anyway, and since I'm not entirely sure what these blocks will turn into eventually.

Also cut 2" squares of your bright prints, in a variety. Use scraps from other projects and mix it up a bit! Or better yet, this would look lovely as a memory quilt, using old cut up clothing!

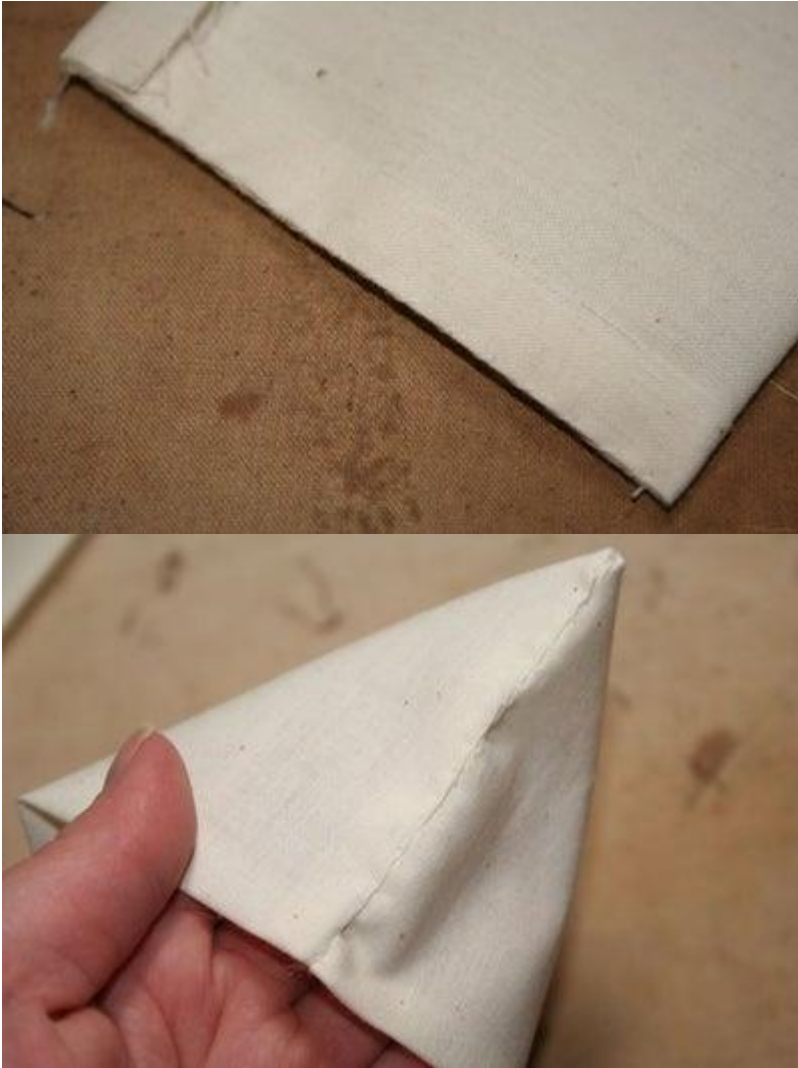
Step 3: Press Over Edges



With each 7" square, you need to turn over each edge 1/4" and press neatly. Do your best to make it an even 1/4", since this step could effect the final size of each square.

Step 4: Stitch It in Half





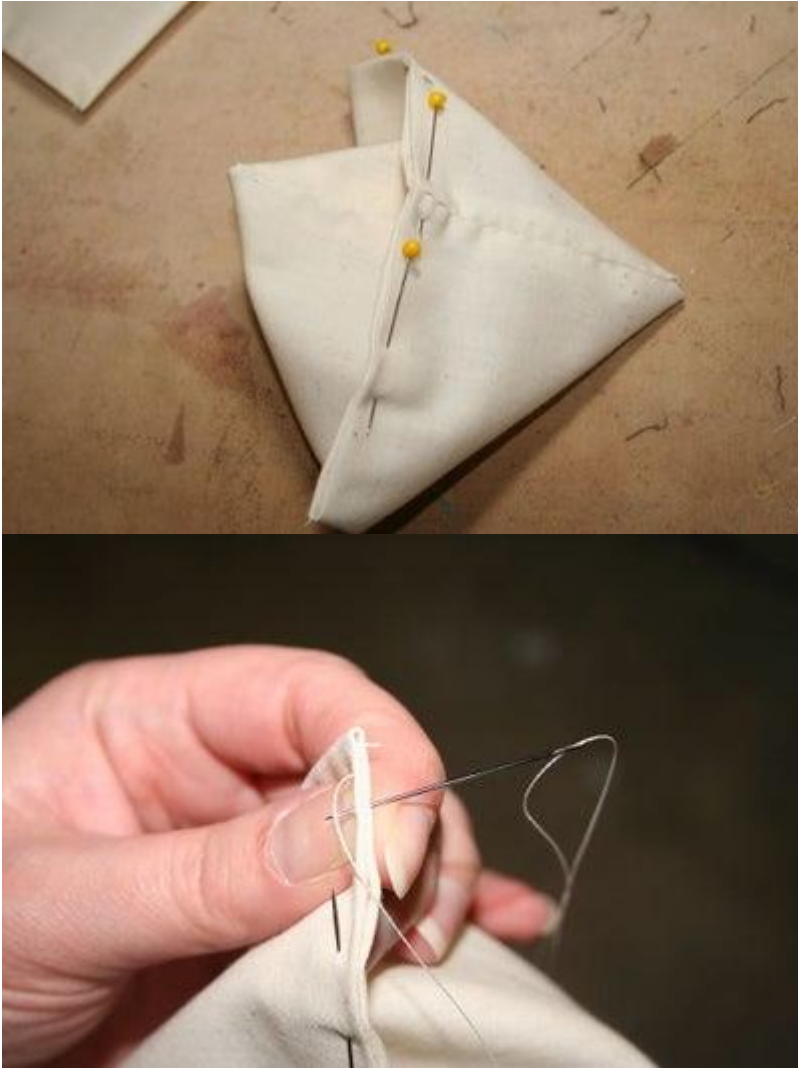
Now, you are going to want to fold your square in half, with the ironed down edges facing out.

Stitch up the short sides, with just a whip stitch over the sides. Do your best to keep these even and neat!

When you get both short sides stitched, turn your piece right-side out.

Step 5: Stitch the Center



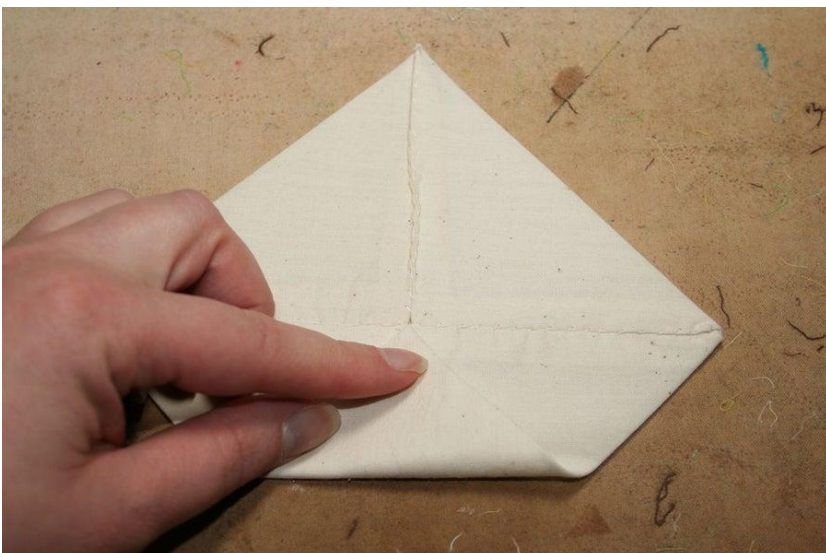


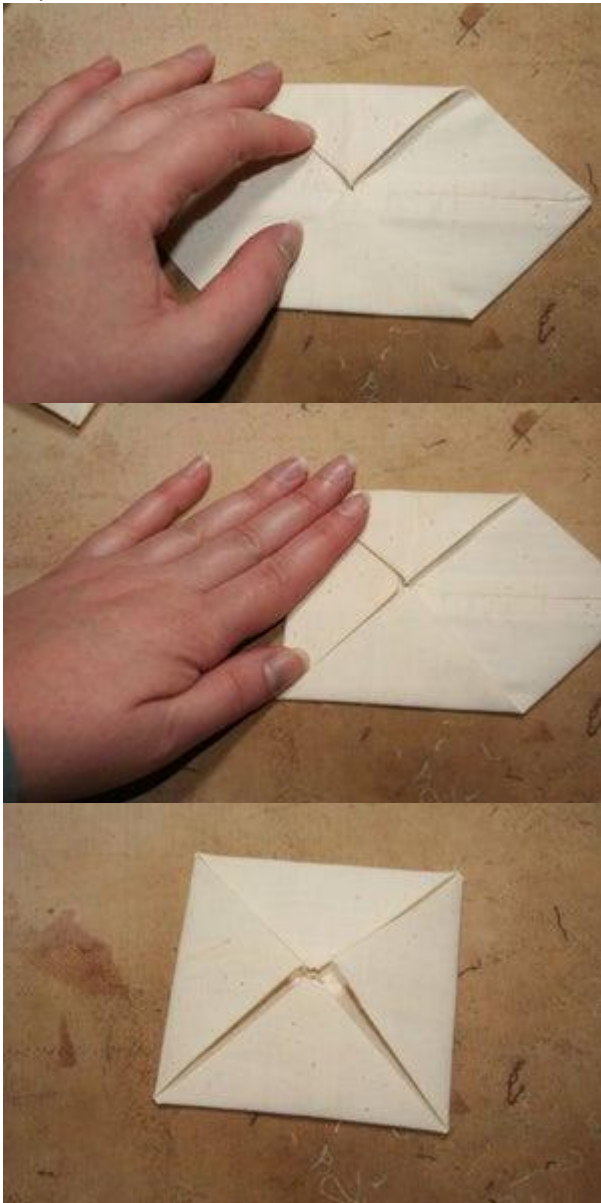
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Now, bring both seams of your rectangle together, line up the edges, and whip stitch across the top edge. Once again... keep it neat!

When you have finished this seam, flatten your piece into a square, with your seams forming an X in the center of the square. Press it flat.

Step 6: Fold Up & Stitch Corners





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Now, fold each corner in to the center, forming a smaller square. You'll want to cover the seams that X across the squares with these corners. Fold and press each corner down, doing your best to do it as evenly as possible.

Once you have your corners pressed down, stitch the just the tip of each corner in place. You'll want to go through all layers of fabric here, and make sure each corner is very firmly attached, since there will be a bit of pull on these stitches in a future step.

Step 7: Stitch Your Squares Together!



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Once you have a few of these squares made, you need to start stitching them together.

To do this, place them with folded edges together, and whip stitch down one edge. Lay it flat and press.

I like to do only a few of these together at a time, because I have an easier time doing the next step if it's a smaller piece.

Step 8: And Now, Finally....



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The pretty part! Tired of looking at all of the boring beige? I know I am!

When you look at your joined together squares, you'll notice the diamond shape where the two pieces are seamed together. This is where you add your pretty bright fabric!

I usually trim the edges and corners of the 2" patterned squares just a little bit, to make it easier to fold into

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the edges. But that's just me, you don't necessarily have to do that.

Now, fold the folded edge of the diamond over the edge of the patterned fabric, hiding the cut edge. Hold it in place with just your finger or a pin, and stitch this edge down. You'll want to use as invisible of a stitch as you can! Don't go through all of the layers of your fabric, just the top few. There should be a pocket formed underneath the diamond.

Step 9: And Now, Go Crazy!



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That is basically all you need to know!! You can just keep adding to get the size you want! Turn it into a full sized quilt, pillow case, purse, whatever you want!

Keep in mind that these blocks aren't usually quilted in the traditional add batting/backing fabric way, these stand alone as is.

Interested in other ways to use up little scraps? Check out my [crazy quilt block instructable](#).