

Block of the Month for May 2021, "Attic Windows"

We spent a lot of time looking out our windows last year, right? This month, please show me the view out your window! Thanks for Michele EG for doing the math on this one to convert it to a 12&1/2-inch block.

We will provide you with 2 fabrics for the window "frame" and for the diagonal corners. You will provide a 10&1/2" square for the "view out of your window. Get as creative as you want. Your view can be a garden, a house, a cat or dog in the window, whatever. See samples on Page 2, Figure 1 & 2. All seams are 1/4".

Making the window frames (s):

Fabric 1: The dark brown "Grunge" fabric will go along the bottom of the window horizontally.

Fabric 2: Gray fabric will go along the right side of the window vertically. The completed blocks, window with frame, will measure 12& 1/2" and are designed to butt against each other as shown in Fig.1. You will do only the frames on the right side and bottom of the block (s). The winner will add the other parts of the block frames. There is enough fabric for 2 window frames. You can make 1 or 2 blocks. There is 1 credit for each block returned.

Assembling the blocks

Cut two 10 1/2' x 2 1/2" strips of each frame fabric.

The easiest way to do the mitered corner of the frame (lower right of each block, Figure 1) is with a half-square triangle rather than the fussy difficult 'Y' seam. We have provided one 3" square of each fabric for the half-square triangles.

To make the half-square triangles (HST):

1. Stack the two 3"-squares, right sides together.
2. Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner on the lighter fabric (gray).
3. Stitch 1/4" from the drawn line on one side then turn the square and stitch down the other side of the drawn line.
4. Cut along the center drawn line and press seams toward the darker fabric.
5. You now have 2 HSTs. Trim them to 2 1/2" squares.

Sew a strip of Fabric 2 (dark brown grunge) along the bottom of the "window" block. Press seam toward the "window" block.

Sew the completed HST, right side together, to the bottom of Fabric 2 strip. Match the Fabric 2 triangle to the Fabric 2 strip. See Figure 1.

Then, sew the grey window frame to the block with the HST at the bottom. If necessary, trim the top of the gray fabric to fit the block. Fabric 1 triangle should match the fabric 1 strip and the fabric 2 triangle should match the Fabric 2 strip. See Bottom right of blocks in Figure 1. Press seam toward the window frame.

Repeat this process for the second window.

Please reference the photo below to assemble your block(s). If you have any questions, call me, Susan Raineri. I'm on the roster. I can't wait to see the views from your windows! Please return the completed May blocks and the drawing slip to me before the next meeting, which is Monday, June 14th. Thanks!

Figure 1: Samples by Michele EG. Thanks, Michele



Figure 2: My views: 100-year-old log cabin and some Redwood trees.

