



Block of the Month

March

Oh March. You come rolling in with your promising weather of Spring and flowers. It is a tease for sure.

This month we are focusing on having a creative home. I am a creative and if you walk into my house you instantly feel that. I purposefully painted my walls white when we moved in because I wanted everything else to have color. I display handmade quilts, pillows, framed mini quilts, and art from my family everywhere in my house. I want my children to know when they proudly hand me their artwork that it will be displayed. I want my husband to know if he makes me something I will use and display it as well. This is our space and it belongs to only us. Think about that. Your home is your space! I just want my home to be filled with happiness and handmade because I think when your home reflects your heart your guests will feel welcome. I know this for a fact because visitors to my house always comment on how relaxed and at home they feel here.

Not everyone wants to display everything in their home but I want you to think about your home this month and how you use your superpowers to make it a creative home. Then you get to get super creative on making this month's House Block which is the perfect block for fussy cutting to make your dream house out of fabric!

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THE DETAILS

- Read through all instructions first before beginning the project
- All seam allowances are 1/4"
- RST = right sides together
- Completed block measures 12½" square (for a single block) or 20½" square (for the quilt)



Let's Make a Block

Fabric Requirements

- Background fabric :: Fat Quarter
- House Fabric:: Various Fat Quarters or scraps for personalizing

Cutting Instructions

Background/Sky Fabric

A - (2) 9" x 5"

House Fabrics

B - 5" x 12½" (roof)

C - 2" x 12½" (top of door)

D - (2) 5" x 5" (sides of door)

E - 3½" X 5" (door)

F - 2" x 12½" (yard)

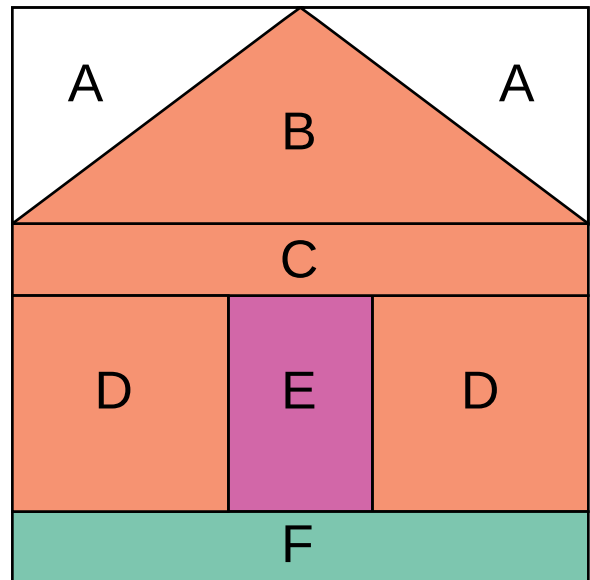
Instructions

Roof:

1. Using piece B, start from the bottom corner and cut up to the top to create a wonky roof. Repeat on opposite side. If you want it to be even then cut one side, fold in half, and cut the opposite side.
2. Place piece A on one side of your roof with the long side on your roof line. Line up your fabric edges and sew from the bottom edge to the top. Repeat on opposite side. You will trim down later. Set aside.

House:

3. Sew D to E on both sides.
4. Sew all units together: roof unit to C, door unit to F. Then sew sets together.
5. Embellish your house to your taste then square to 12½".



Watch me make the block

I made a video for YOU
showing my tips and tricks!



Let's Make a Quilt

Fabric Requirements

- Background fabric :: $\frac{3}{4}$ yd
- House Fabric :: $1\frac{1}{4}$ yd
- Door Fabric :: $\frac{1}{4}$ yd

Cutting Instructions

Background/Sky Fabric

A - (2) 15" x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

House Fabric

B - 8" x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (roof)

C - 3" x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (top of door)

D - (2) 8" x 8" (sides of door)

E - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8" (door)

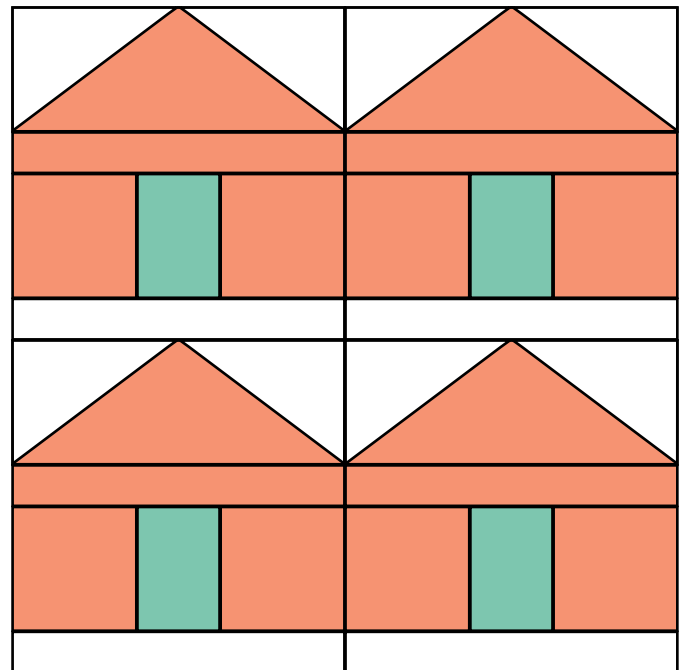
F - 3" x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (yard/base)

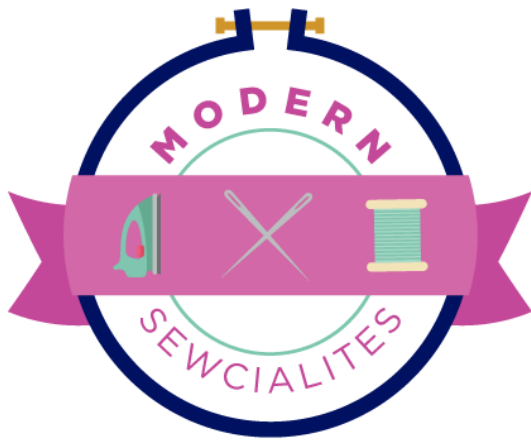
Instructions

I upsize the block to 20" for an easy let's make a quilt!

Using the larger pieces described above, follow the same process to make 4 blocks. Embellish each house to your tastes then square to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Join the blocks together to make a 40" x 40" quilt!





RECIPE

March

Fresh Apple Cake

I am sharing my Grandma's recipe. I lived across the street from her my entire childhood and she helped shape my love for a creative home. She always had something for the grandkids to snack on and this cake was always a welcome treat.

Prep time: enough time to enjoy the process of cooking in your home

Cook time: 1 hr 20 mins or until toothpick comes out clean

Written Exactly like my Grandma so see notes for my changes.

Mix in 1st Bowl

1 cup cooking oil

2 cups sugar

2 eggs

Mix in 2nd Bowl

3 cups fresh apples (finely chopped)

1 or 2 cups pecans

3 cups flour (self-rising)

1 tsp cinnamon

2 tsp vanilla

Pour 1st mix over 2nd, stir mixture until it has the consistency of fruit cake. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour 20 mins in a tube pan.

Notes: It is a sweet cake so often I will half the sugar. I even use half brown sugar and half white sugar. The batter should be pretty thick which is what the consistency of fruit cake must be! I love this so much.



PODCASTS

March

BOM Podcast - Angie from Gnome Angel

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