



Little Windows Quilt Block

Block directions and guidelines for the August 2014 Block Lotto

These four small squares surrounded by sashing and frame in this 7 inch (finished size) block reminded me of windows. There are two easy ways to approach making them that I think of as Inside-Out and Outside-In.

You can make a **MAXIMUM of NINE BLOCKS** for the drawing in August.

Fabric Guidelines

This month we will be using one or more WINDOW fabrics of your choice with Black & White prints for the FRAME around the windows.

The WINDOW fabric is completely your choice. You can use 1, 2, 3 or 4 fabrics for the small squares in a single block. You might to decide to use something with a motif and fussy cut it or not. You may have some small scraps (or pre-cut 2 1/2 inch squares) and you could use four of them for one block. The fabric may be solid, print, batik ... in any style and any color(s). As long as it's quilting quality cotton, it's acceptable to use for the WINDOW fabric.

The FRAME fabric should be a black & white print. Your fabric must have both black and white (and no other colors) but can be mostly black or mostly white. Use a single FRAME fabric in each block.

If you make multiple blocks, you can use the same B&W FRAME fabric in multiple blocks, but each WINDOW fabric should be unique or a unique combination if you use more than one fabric in your windows.

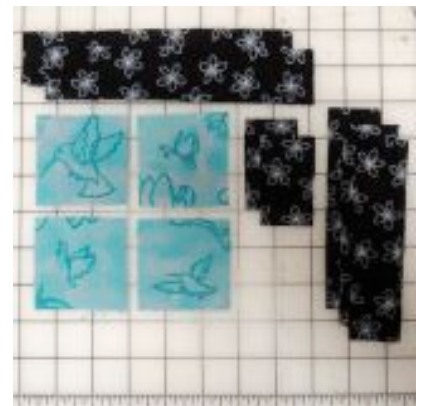
Method 1: Working from the Inside Out

From **WINDOW** fabric, cut:

- Four 2 1/2-inch squares

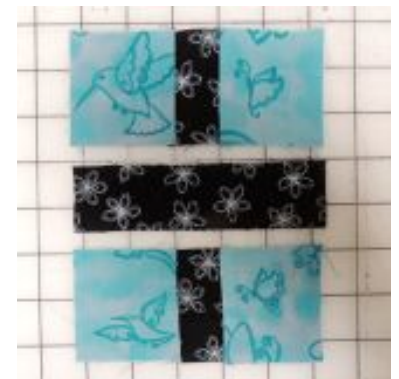
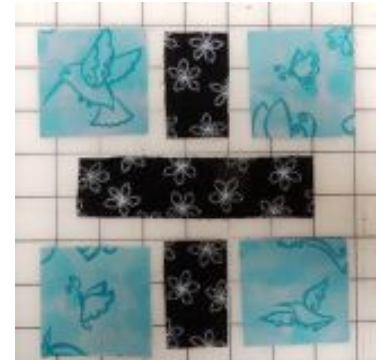
From **FRAME** fabric, cut:

- Two 1 1/2-inch by 2 1/2-inch rectangles
- Three 1 1/2-inch by 5 1/2-inch rectangles
- Two 1 1/2-inch by 7 1/2-inch rectangles



Sewing the Block from the Inside Out

1. Layout the center using the four Windows squares, the small rectangles and one of the medium rectangles.
2. Assemble the center by sewing the small FRAME rectangles between pairs of windows, pressing seams toward the WINDOW fabric, then connect the sewn pairs with one of the 1 ½-inch by 5 ½-inch FRAME rectangles to complete the center and press toward the FRAME fabric. The center should now measure 5 ½-inches square.
3. Add the other two 1 ½-inch by 5 ½-inch FRAME rectangles to opposite sides of the center, and press toward the FRAME fabric.
4. Add the last FRAME rectangles to the other two sides of the center and press toward the FRAME fabric. The block is done.



Method 2: Working From the Outside In

From **WINDOW** fabric, cut:

- One 5-inch square

From **FRAME** fabric, cut:

- Two 1 ½-inch by 3 ½-inch rectangles
- Two 1 ½-inch by 5-inch rectangles
- Two 1 ½-inch by 7-inch rectangles
- One 1 ½-inch by 7 ½-inch rectangles



Sewing the Block from the Outside In

1. Add the two 1 ½-inch by 5-inch FRAME rectangles to opposite sides of the large WINDOW square. Press seams toward the FRAME fabric.
2. Add the two 1 ½-inch by 7-inch rectangles to the other two sides of the WINDOW square. Press seams toward the FRAME fabric.
3. You now have a 7-inch square. Cut it into four 3 ½-inch squares.
4. Maintaining the same orientation (before you quartered it), insert the two 1 ½-inch by 3 ½-inch rectangles between the pairs, then use the last rectangle to put them together. Continue to press each sewn seam toward the FRAME FABRIC.



Which Method is Best for You?

Use the method that works best for you. Use Inside-Out if you are fussy cutting small squares, working with small scraps or want to use multiple WINDOW fabrics in one block. Use Outside-In if you want to quickly turn a pile of charm squares into blocks.