

December 2024 Block Drive

Windmill Block

This month's block will be the windmill block. It's great block for beginners and a quick and easy one to put together.

Before you get started, please carefully read through all the fabric requirements and method.

FABRIC TYPE

Please do not use anything other than quilting weight cotton fabric i.e. no curtaining, stretch, suiting or upholstery fabrics. We are also unable to use blocks that include licensed fabrics.

COLOUR CHOICE

For this month's blocks you can choose your own colours. It is necessary for there to be a background colour and another colour which has a good contrast. Only 2 colours per block please.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Background fabric 4 ¼" x 22"

Contrast fabric 1 ½" x 22"

Cut strips into squares 5 ¼" x 5 ¼"

Finished block size 10" x 10"

METHOD

1. Cut the two strips of fabric as above



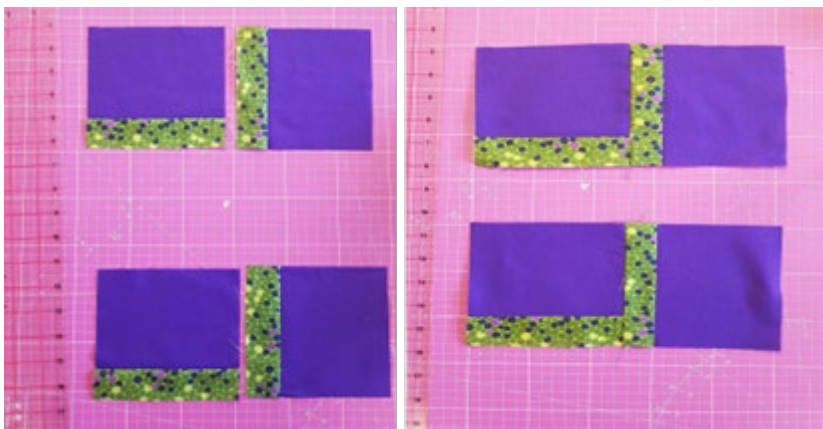
2. Sew the strips together lengthwise with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, then iron the seam towards the narrow strip.



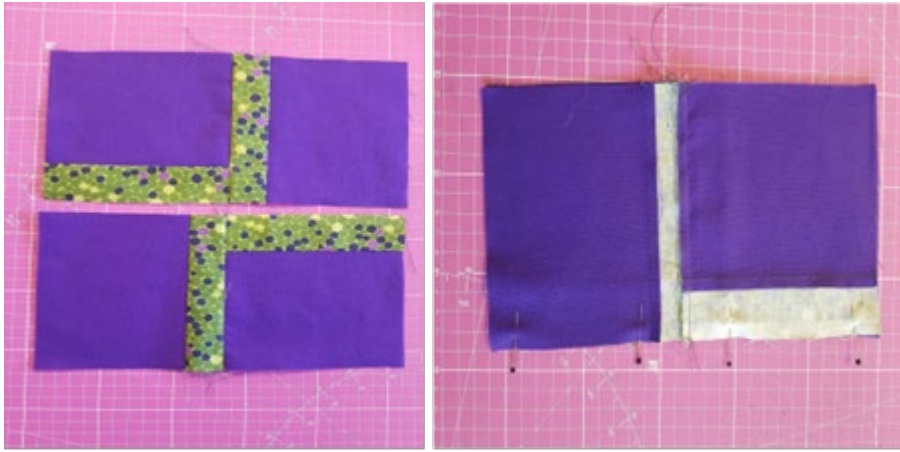
3. Cut the strip into 4 squares. These should measure $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ "



4. Join 2 of the squares together like this with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Repeat for the remaining 2 squares. Then iron seams towards the narrow strip again.



5. Rotate the lower half block and join as shown with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Pin the 2 pieces together to help accuracy and nest the middle seams together as you sew them.



6. Again, iron the seams towards the narrow strips. You will now have your finished block.



You will have a finished block around 10". No need to trim these.

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