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*The Magic
in the Middle*

Layered Cathedral Window Block Skill Level: Beginner

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Block 1 of 9 in the Cathedral Window Quilt-a-Long. Block size is 12-1/2" square unfinished. Use a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise indicated. Finished quilt measures 36" square. Use Legacy™ by Pellon® 100% Natural Cotton or Soy/Cotton Blend Batting for a beautiful finish. Cathedral window blocks are traditionally about folding and topstitching to create beautiful blocks with a lot of depth. This block uses Tula Pink 'The Birds and the Bees' fabrics.

Fabrics Needed

Five different 13" squares of fabric

Cut each into four 6-1/2" squares

Materials Needed

Thread

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies

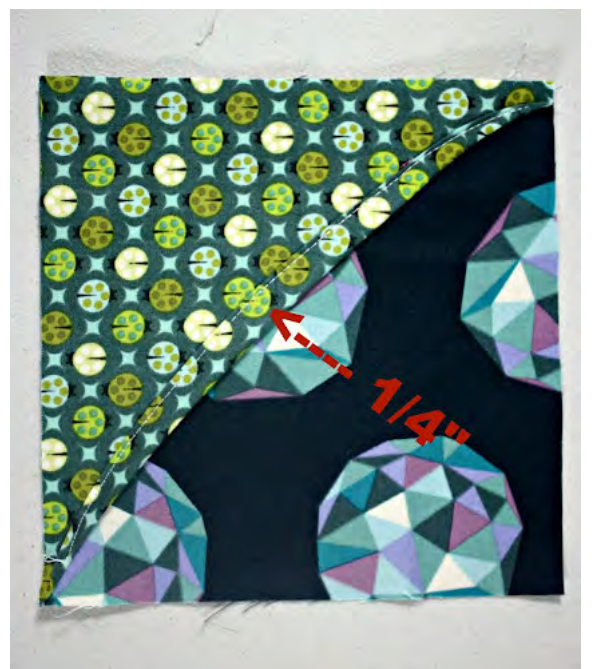
For a random look, press three squares of each print (and all four of the squares for the center star) in half diagonally, wrong sides together. This will form a triangle.

For a uniform look, set aside the squares that will be used for the base and press the rest of the squares in half diagonally.

NOTE: Before beginning assembly, set aside the fabric picked for the center 'star'. This fabric will be sewn last for each block.

Use one unfolded fabric piece as the base. Place one folded triangle at the upper left corner. The raw edge of the folded triangle should be aligned with the outer edge of the base fabric as shown. Pin in place.

Gently fold back the pressed edge of the triangle. The corners of the triangle should be folded almost to nothing while the middle of the folded portion should extend to approximately 1/4". Topstitch the pressed edge using a 1/8" seam allowance.



Add another folded triangle to the bottom left corner as shown. Align the raw edges with the outer edge of the base fabric. Fold and stitch the new triangle the same as in the previous step.



Add a folded triangle to the bottom right corner as shown. Align the raw edges with the outer edge of the base fabric. Fold and stitch the new triangle in the same manner as the previous triangles.



Add the folded triangle selected for the center star to the upper right corner. Again, align the raw edges of the folded triangle with the outer edge of the base fabric. Fold and stitch in the same manner as the previous triangles.



Repeat these steps three more times for a total of four units. The fabric selection can be random or uniform. The last triangle should be the same for each unit to create the 'star' effect in the center.



Sew the units together, two units across and two units down. When sewing the units together, ensure that the edges of the center 'star' fabrics are right sides together.

