



# Cathedral Windows Pincushion

This method of making cathedral windows is a bit different to the traditional method that quilters will be familiar with. It's done entirely by machine and uses much less fabric.

## Supplies

- Cut 8 x 2 1/2 inch squares in various prints for 'foundations' and 'windows'
- Cut 8 x 1 1/2 inch squares for 'frames' (plain fabric in illustration)
- Cut 1 x 4 1/2 inch square fabric for back of pincushion (not pictured)
- Cut 2 x 4 1/2 inch squares fusible fleece (not pictured)
- Polyester fibre fill or stuffing of choice
- Buttons (optional)

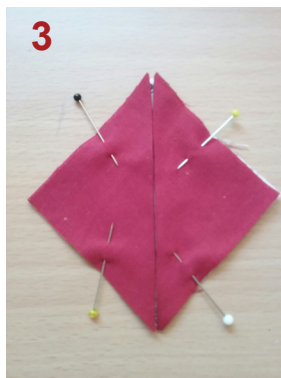


## Step 1

Fold the 8 'frame' pieces in half diagonally and press. Select 4 of the print pieces to be the 'foundation' pieces (Picture 1).

## Step 2

- Place one pressed "frame" onto the foundation matching corners and press into place (Picture 2). Make sure all corners and points meet squarely.
- Repeat with the other half with another "frame" so that your unit now looks like Picture 3.
- Stitch around all four sides, stitching 1/8 inch from the edge (Picture 4).
- Repeat with the remaining three 'frames' and 'foundations'.



## Step 3

- Arrange your four units as shown in Picture 5 and sew into a four-patch and press.

NOTE: To reduce bulk in the center of your four-patch, it is important to spin the seams (Picture 6).



## Step 4

- Cut 2 pieces of double-sided fusible tape (such as Steam-A-Seam) and fuse across the intersection of two units as illustrated in Picture 7.
- Take one of the 'window' squares and position as illustrated in Picture 8.
- Repeat with the remaining three 'window' squares
- Trim away the excess fabric so you end up with a 4 1/2 inch square as in Picture 9.



## Step 5

- Fold back the right 'frame' of one 'window' as illustrated in Picture 10. The curve should start 1/4 inch from the outer edge of the 4-patch unit.
- The inner end of the curve should just meet the center of the 4-patch unit.
- Repeat this process for the right 'frame' of each 'window'.

Curve starts 1/4" from outer edge





## Step 6

- Repeat Step 5 for the left 'frame' of each window.
- Make sure that all raw edges of your 'window' pieces are covered at the centre of the 4-unit patch.
- Carefully stitch down each frame along the folded edge as illustrated in Picture 11. You can use matching or contrasting thread.



## Step 7

- Iron the two 4 1/2" fusible fleece squares to the wrong side of the 4 1/2" backing square and the finished Cathedral Window unit (Picture 12).
- Place the two pieces right sides together and stitch around the edge in a 1/4" seam. Leave a small opening on one side through which to turn the fabric.



## Step 8

- Turn right side out.
- Stuff with polyester fill or other suitable fill and handstitch the opening closed.
- *(optional)* Sew a button at the centre.

