

# Cathedral Quilt

*In this tutorial we will be creating a cathedral quilt design, which is obviously inspired from the traditional windows of*

## Material Required

To make a cathedral quilt pattern of 18 inches by 18 inches you will need

16 pieces of plain white fabric for the background  
5" x 5" in size

32 pieces of yellow fabric for binding 5" x 5" in size

4 pieces of pink Stripped fabric 5" x 5" in size

4 pieces of blue stripped fabric 5" x 5" in size

1 piece of green stripped fabric 5" x 5" in size

Cutting Mat

Quilting Ruler

Rotary Fabric Cutter

Thread

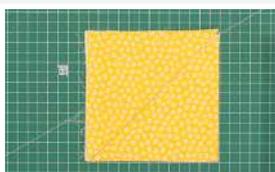
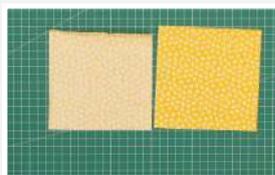
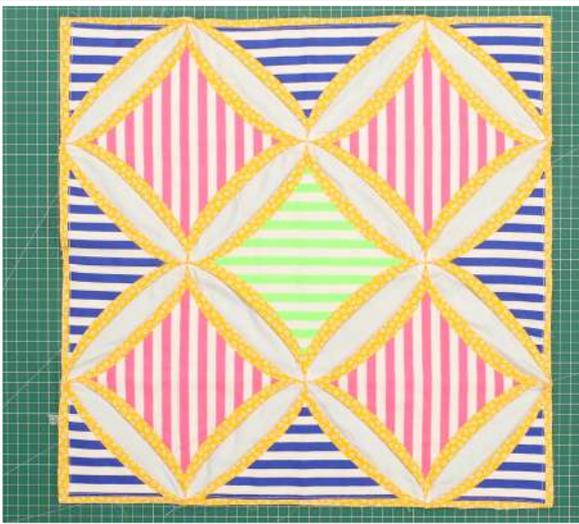
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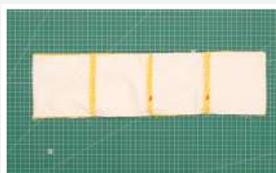
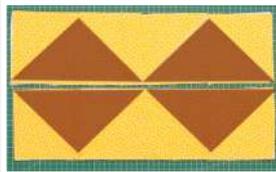
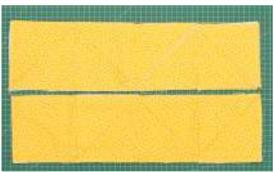
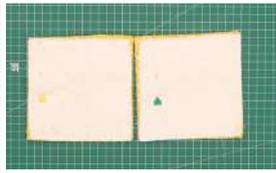
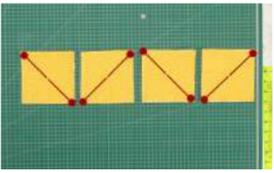
Beaded Pins

And Scissors

To begin with we will give you a quick tutorial on how to get those perfect 5" x 5" squares of fabric. Take two layers of the yellow printed fabric as shown. This is a quilting ruler. Each box on the ruler is 1 inch by 1 inch. Count 5 boxes both length and breadth wise. Cut all around the ruler with the help of your rotary fabric cutter and remove the excess fabric. That's it. You have your perfect 5" x 5" square ready. Let's get sewing

Take the printed fabric that you have just cut and fold it into half, diagonally to make a triangle as shown in the tutorial. Iron the fold line. Ironing is the most crucial element of quilting. Every fold and seam have to be ironed to get a smooth and desirable result. Repeat the same process with the other piece of printed fabric. The white piece will be our background fabric. Place the two triangles of printed fabric on the white square piece so that the folds of the printed fabric come at the center as shown in the tutorial. We will be stitching all around the square fabric. Pin the fabric in place. Let's get sewing.





Take the fabric to your Usha Janome Memory Craft Quilting Machine. We have already kept the machine ready for quilting with the HP foot along with the HP Plate. Set the machine to straight stitch and begin to sew all around the square. When you come to the end of one side. Stop. Lift the needle turn the fabric and continue stitching. Go all around the square in a similar manner. Good Job.

You just got your first block for the quilt. This is how it should look like. Create another three squares in the same way. Place them on the cutting mat as shown. Notice how the center lines of each square is connecting to the center line of the other square to form a pattern.

Lay one square over the other front facing front and pin the sides where you need to stitch like shown in the tutorial. This is the side where we will be stitching. Stitch on the pinned side. Cut the thread. Repeat the same process on the other two squares.

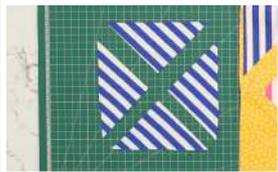
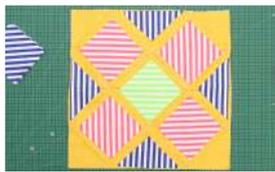
Now we have two separate pieces of two squares each. We will now stitch these two together. Make sure you keep the design in mind. Lay the two pieces front facing front and stitch. Cut the thread. This is how our pattern should look. Now we need to open the seams with the help of our fingers and iron the seamline to flatten the fabric. This is very important for a neat finish.

This is how the stitched pattern should look like. Just like the first row of squares we have created another row of squares. Keep this row of squares in such a manner that we get two opposite triangles as shown. Lets now join the top and bottom rows. Keep them front facing front as shown in the tutorial and make sure the seam lines match each other. Pin the fabric together.

Sew them together like done previously.

We now have a pattern of 8 squares ready. We will take another piece of 8 squares and join them together to form the background of our cathedral quilt as shown in the tutorial.

Once done place the stitched fabric on the cutting mat. We are now going to pick our colorful striped squares and start placing them on the inside the squares of the stitched fabric.



We need to fill the gaps on both the sides and the top and bottom. Take two pieces of the remaining striped square and with the help of the quilting ruler and the rotary cutter, cut the square into two pieces diagonally. Place the triangles on the two sides and the top and bottom as shown.

For the corners we will need even smaller triangles. Take the square fabric and cut it diagonally twice as shown. Place these smaller triangle pieces onto the corners and pin.

Now its time for some magic. Fold the printed yellow background fabric onto the striped fabric as shown. See how the square forms into a nice curve. This is key to the cathedral pattern. We need to stitch on the pointed area and replicate the same on all four sides and then through the entire quilt.

Adjust the folded fabric under the presser foot and begin sewing. Start slow and make sure you adjust to the curve well. Keep a steady hand to ensure you get a neat finish. When you come to a corner, ensure that you neatly overlap both sides of the square to form pointed edge and stitch over them as shown in the tutorial. Once you at the end of the corner pivot the fabric while keeping the needle still inside the fabric.

Continue ahead to stitch all the sides of the square. Repeat the same process for all the squares of the quilt. To complete this design we will just do a straight stitch all around the edge of the quilt. Once done. Cut the thread.

That's it you have just added another feather to your cap. You now can quilt and create wonderful color combinations with the cathedral quilting technique. These can even be used as a decorative wall hanging to accentuate a part of the room (bags, clutches). Hope you liked this tutorial.