

Christmas Village



Yardage Requirements:

- Prints - 1 charm pack
- Background - 1/2 yard
- Pillow Backing - Pillow backing - 1/2 yard or 18" x 27" piece of fabric
- Optional binding finish - 3/8 yard

Cutting:

Houses - each house needs the following pieces:

- Sides - 2 rectangles - 2" x 4 1/4" - matching or not
- Top of the door - 1 rectangle - 2" x 1 3/4" - matches the sides or not
- Door - 1 rectangle - 2" x 3"
- Roof - 1 rectangle - 2 3/4" x 5"

Background - the border strips can be the same fabric as the sky - or not.

- Sky "triangles" - 10 squares - 2 3/4" x 2 3/4"
- Inner border - 2 strips - 1 1/4" x 23"
- Side Borders - 2 strips - 2 1/2" x 11"
- Top & Bottom Borders - 2 strips - 2 1/2" x 27 1/2"

Pieced Fabric Border -

- 30 squares - 2" x 2" or 30 half-triangle squares that measure 2" x 2" or 46 rectangles - 1 1/2" x 2"

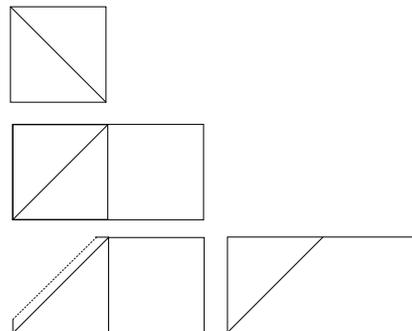
Other Materials -

- Optional - Thin cotton batting & backing if quilting pillow top - 19" x 29" pieces recommended
- 16" x 26" pillow form or fiberfill for stuffing
- Optional - zipper or buttons for finishing pillow

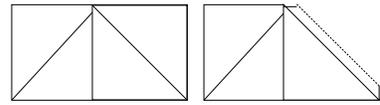
All seams are a scant 1/4" unless specified otherwise.

Building The Houses.

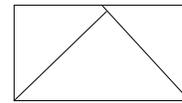
- On the wrong side of two sky squares - 2 3/4" x 2 3/4" - draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposing corner.
- With right sides together, lay one square - 2 3/4" x 2 3/4" - on one side of the roof rectangle 2 3/4" x 5".
- Stitch on the line from one corner to the opposing corner. Trim the seam to a 1/4". Press the seam to the sky triangle - away from the roof.



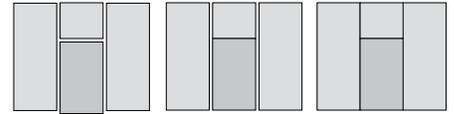
- With right sides together, place a second sky square - $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$ - on the other side of the rectangle. Stitch across the square on the drawn line.



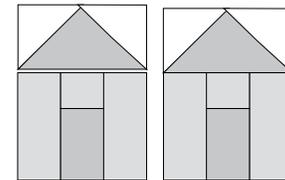
- Trim the seam to a $\frac{1}{4}''$. Press the seam to the sky triangle - away from the roof. The rectangle will measure $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 5''$.



- Select the house pieces - the sides of the house, the top of the door and the door. Join the pieces as shown - press the seams toward the house pieces - away from the door. The pieced unit will measure $5'' \times 4\frac{1}{4}''$.



- Join the roof piece to the house piece. Press the seam toward the roof - or press it open.



The house block will now measure $5'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$.

Repeat to make 5 house blocks.

Lay out the house blocks as desired. Join the five houses to make a row that measures $23'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$. Press the seams in one direction - or press them open.

Sew the inner border strips - $1\frac{1}{4}'' \times 23''$ - to the top and bottom edges of the house row. Press the seams toward the inner border strips.

Sort the $2'' \times 2''$ print squares or HTSs into two groups of 15. Select one group and join them to make a strip measuring $2'' \times 23''$. Press the seams to one side - or press them open. Repeat to make a 2nd strip.

Sew the pieced border strips - $2'' \times 23''$ - to the top and bottom edges of the house row. Press the seams toward the inner border strips.

Sew the side border strips - $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 11''$ - to the sides of the pieced panel. Press the seams toward the side border strips.

Finally, sew the top & bottom border strips - $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 27\frac{1}{2}''$ - to the top & bottom edges of the pieced panel. Press the seams toward the border strips.

Quilt the pillow top, then trim to measure $16\frac{1}{2}'' \times 26\frac{1}{2}''$. Edge-stitch the pillow-quilt-sandwich to secure the layers on the edge.

Finish pillow as desired.

A note about finishing the pillow... This pillow is finished with a binding, just as you would put on a quilt. The backing can be two overlapped pieces of fabric, a zipper or overlapped pieces with buttons. Layer the pillow front and back with **wrong sides together** and pin along the edges. Stitch through the layers approximately $\frac{1}{4}''$ from the edge - curving the corners or not. (If you curve the edges, then you'll want to use a bias-cut binding.) Then bind as you would with a quilt with your preferred width binding.

I also like finishing pillows with a zipper in the bottom seam. A $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam allowance is too small to accommodate a zipper so I make the bottom seam $\frac{1}{2}''$. The upside is that the finished pillow cover fits the form a little more snugly and that's a good thing.