



Japanese Windows Quilt (Cream)



Approx. finished size: 56" square

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Fabrics requirements:

81 x 5" squares for the blocks

Enough fabric for 4 cornerstones cut at 2" sq for the sashing and 4 cornerstones for the border cut at approx. 5"

75cm Window sashing (black)

1m Block sashing and Border

All the requirements are based on fabric 42" (112cm) wide

Workshop Notes

The quilt is made up of 9 blocks

Block size = 14 ½" finished

Overall size of quilt, including sashing and borders 50"x 60"

(depending upon the size of the border and seam allowance used)

It is assumed that an accurate ¼" seam allowance will be used – if the seam allowance is slightly larger than the length of the sashing strips will need adjustment but otherwise the instructions will still work. Make one block to check your measurements.

Instructions per block:

Select 9 different 5" squares

Arrange them in a pleasing manner – 3 rows of 3

Cut 6 pieces of small sashing 1"x5" for the vertical window sashing and 2 pieces 1"x15" for the horizontal sashing *

* NB: this measurement may need adjusting – measure your row when you have constructed and pressed it.

Add small window sashing strips vertically on each row to join the three squares.

Repeat for the other 2 rows.

Press and measure

Take the 1"x 15" *(see note) piece of window sashing and add horizontally between rows 1&2 - take care to ensure that the vertical sashing strips lie accurately above each other.

Repeat between rows 2 &3

Repeat and make 8 more blocks – giving you a total of 9 blocks

NOTE: You may like to change the colour sequence of each block (particularly if you have fabrics repeated) so that the blocks are similar but not identical. You could also consider changing the order of the rows if your colour palate is limited – this will again create visual variety.

When you are happy with the layout, sew together with block sashing:

Cut the block sashing as follows: 12 pieces 2" x 15" *

NB: * again this measurement needs to be the same size as your block so measure a couple.

Add block sashing between blocks 2 and 3 on each row

Create horizontal sashing:

Setting squares are cut @ 2" from the contrast fabric – you will need 4 in total

You will use 3 sashing strips per row.

Lay these out with your blocks to complete the quilt top

Add horizontal rows of sashing to the bottom of each block row, making sure that you match seams where necessary.

When complete, press and add outside border.

Border

will need 5 strips of fabric @ 4.5"

Cut 4 cornerstones from contrast fabric also @ 4.5" and add to either end of 2 of the border strips
Attach one side and then the opposite side and finally add the remaining two sides.

Layer, quilt and bind.

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