

Cathedral Window Christmas Ornament

(a modification of the tutorial found at <http://crafterwithoutacat.blogspot.com/2010/04/cathedral-window-ornament-tutorial.html>)

Some photos from <http://www.quiltingboard.com/tutorials-f10/machine-stitched-cathedral-window-tutorial-t35742-2.html>



Materials:

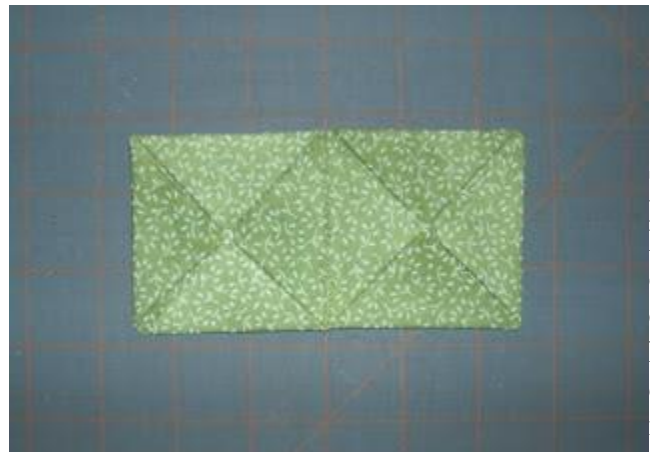
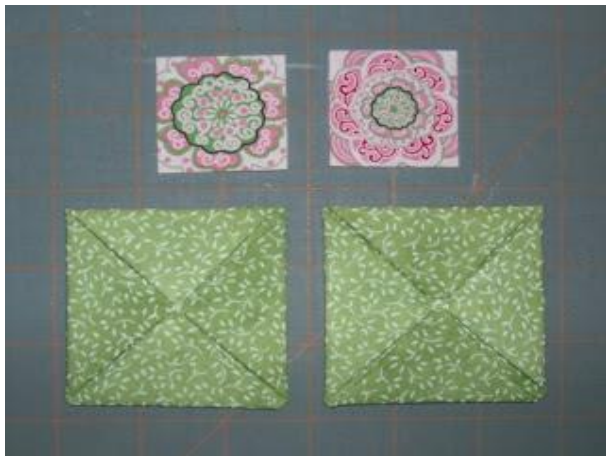
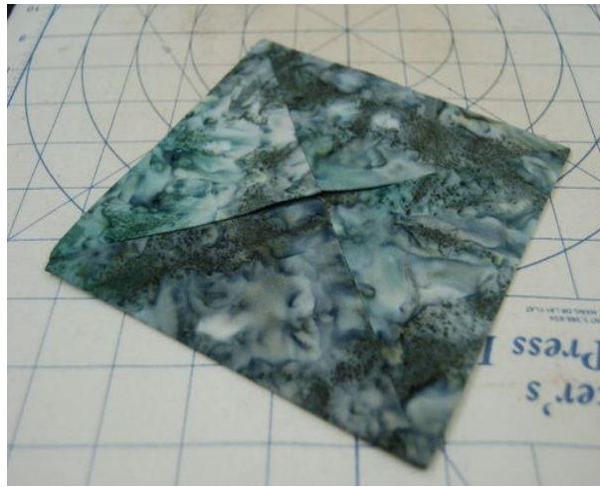
- 2 squares of fabric for the Cathedral Window blocks (9" squares)
- 2 squares of fabric to set in the "windows" (2.5")
- Ribbon, about 6", depending on how long you want the ornament to hang
- Stuffing
- Needle and thread
- Scissors
- Rotary cutting tools, or pen and ruler
- Iron (recommended, but not necessary)
- sewing machine



Step 1: Fold each square in half lengthwise and sew ends together using a 1/4" stitch. Snip corners.



Step 2: Match up seams and sew raw edges together using a 1/4" stitch, leaving 1 to 1 1/2" opening for turning. Clip corner point seam allowances. Press seams open. Turn and press.



Step 3:
Fold each corner to center.

center covering all seams. Press.

Step 4: Stitch the four points together in the center of the blocks, securing the points to the back.

Step 5: Sew the two blocks together by hand or zigzag on machine.



Step 6: Place the 2 1/2" decorative square into the center over the seam. Turn down outer edges and hand stitch into place forming frame around design.

Step 7: Sew open the other flaps, except for the two on each end. This is where the other window will go.

Step 8: Fold in half, wrong sides together, and hand sew the end edges together, leaving the top and bottom open.

Step 9: Flatten with the decorative window in the center front. Hand stitch the bottom closed.

Step 10: Stuff firmly using pieces of batting or fiber fill.



Step 11: Form a 1 1/2" tall loop with the ribbon. While hand sewing the top opening closed, center the ribbon loop on the top of the ornament and anchor firmly in place. Finish stitching across top to close.

Step 12: Place second decorative square in place on back over closing seam and hand sew edges as done in Step 5.