

SCHOOL HOUSE BLOCK



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School House Quilt Blocks

All of the fabric in this easy House quilt block pattern are [rotary cut](#) and quick pieced.

Since we're using quick pieced patchwork units for the house and its roof, choose printed fabrics that will blend together somewhat along the seams when pieces for those structures are sewn together.

I used a mottled blue to illustrate the sky and a very light fabric for the window and door, but feel free to use any colors for those pieces.

The narrow strip of fabric positioned under the house block could represent a sidewalk, grass, or even a flower garden -- it's up to you.

Finished block size: 12-inches square

Cutting Chart for *one* School House Quilt Block

Strip under house (black)

- one 1-1/2" x 12-1/2" bars

House Body (gold/rust)

- two 2-1/2" x 5-1/2" bars
- two 2-1/2" x 3" bars

- one 3" x 6-1/2" bars
- one 3-7/8" x 3-7/8" squares

Roof (dark brown)

- one 3-7/8" x 3-7/8" squares
- one 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares

Door (light print)

- one 2-1/2" x 5-1/2" bars

Window (light print)

- one 2-1/2" x 3" bars

Sky (mottled blue)

- one 3-7/8" x 3-7/8" squares
- two 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares
- one 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" bars
- two 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" rectangles

Chimneys (gray)

- two 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares

Make Triangle Square Units

1. Pair the following 3-7/8" x 3-7/8" squares:

- A sky square and a house body square
- A roof square and house body square
- A sky square and a roof square
- Make three triangle square units from the paired squares. Each completed unit should measure 3-1/2" x 3-1/2". Set aside.

Sew the School House Quilt Block's Patchwork

Refer to the illustration to assemble the school house quilt block.

Construct the schoolhouse block row by row, beginning at the top.

1. Sew a chimney to a 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" sky rectangle along the 2-1/2" edge. Repeat to assemble two chimney/sky units. Press seam allowances towards chimneys.
2. Sew a 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" sky between two chimneys along long edges. Press seam allowances towards the sky
3. Assemble the top row by sewing 3-1/2" sky squares to the ends of the chimney/sky strip. [Press seam allowances](#) towards the squares
4. (You'll improve accuracy if you [press to set seams](#) before pressing allowances to one side.)

The second row represents the roof, house peak, and sky and is made up of one square and three triangle squares.

1. Arrange a sky/house triangle square, house/roof triangle square, 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" roof square, and roof/sky triangle square into a row as shown.
2. Sew components together. Press two seam allowances towards the square; press others towards darker units.

The next row is made up of house body bars, the door, and the window.

1. Sew a 2-1/2" x 5-1/2" house bar to each long side of the door. Press seam allowances away from the door.
2. Sew a house body 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" bar to each long side of the window. Press seam allowances away from the window.
3. Sew a 3" x 6-1/2" house body bar to the bottom of the step 2 unit. Press seam allowance towards the brown rectangle.
1. Sew step 3 unit to the right side of the step 1 door unit. Press seam allowance towards the door unit.

Sew Rows Together

1. Sew the three pieced rows together. Press seam allowances either direction.
2. Sew the long bar to the bottom of the block.
3. Press. The block should measure 12-1/2" square.

