

How to Mitre an Attic Window Block Corner Using templates

There are several different methods to create a mitred corner or the look of the mitred corner without sewing a mitred corner.

If you would like to sew the Attic Window block with a traditional mitred corner, then read on!

Templates From Electric Quilt 8

I had designed my quilt block in Electric Quilt 8. In the EQ8 software there is an option to print out templates so for my block I used this method.

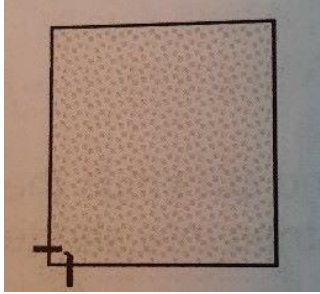


Making Templates Without Electric Quilt 8

If you don't have the Electric Quilt software and still want to create a traditional mitred corner, it can still be done by using the following method.



1. Determine how wide you would like your sashes
2. Cut strips to that measurement. In my sample above the strips were 1.5 inches wide.
3. Mark the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance on the right side of the fabric on the corner of the "window" that you want the mitre to be at. Make sure you keep the mark within the seam allowance.



4. Subtract $1/8$ " from the window cut size. I found it easiest to use the markings on my ruler to do this.
5. Lay your ruler beside your "window". Make a small mark in the seam allowance $1/8$ " below the mark you already made. You should now have two marks. One at $1/8$ " from the bottom edge and one at $1/4$ " from the bottom edge.
6. Make sure you do this on both the bottom and one side edge of your "window".
7. Make a note of the measurement using your ruler. For my example the measurement was $2 \frac{3}{8}$ "
8. If your window is square both strips will be cut at different angles but the same measurement.
9. If your window is 8 x 10 make sure you are cutting the right angle to the right measurement.
10. Lay your strip beside your "window" and measure marking the strip where you will be starting your angle cut. Check this with your marking on your window.
11. Next mark an arrow on your strip so you know which way you will be cutting your angle.



12. Position your ruler on the strip with the 45-degree line exactly on the edge of the strip.
13. Check that you will be cutting the correct angle for the sashes
14. Cut with your rotary cutter

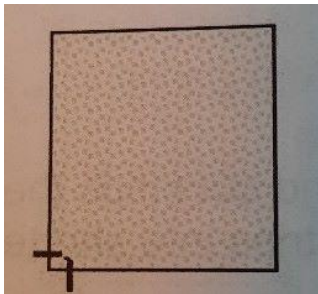


15. Continue in this manner until all the pieces you need are cut
16. Alternatively, you can trace those pieces onto paper and create your own templates to be used for the rest of the pieces needed.

Sewing your mitred Attic Window Block Corner

Once you have all the pieces cut to make your blocks it's time to sew them together.

1. Take your window with the $\frac{1}{4}$ " marks in the corner. Make sure you are using the correct mark here you want the $\frac{1}{4}$ " one NOT the $\frac{1}{8}$ " one.



2. With right sides together, sew one sash piece to the Window. I started with the bottom piece first, but it doesn't really matter. Start sewing at the opposite end to where you have marked and sew until you get to the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch mark. Carefully backstitch making sure you don't sew over your mark. (I had actually marked on the back of the fabric in the picture below but you get the idea.)



3. Finger press the sash away from the window



4. Sew the other sash piece to the adjacent side. Beginning at the end and stopping at the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch mark. Again, make sure you are not going over the mark and make sure you don't catch the first sash strip in your seam!





5. Finger press the sash piece away from the Window



6. Carefully fold the window diagonally, right sides together, and match up the angled edges of the sashes. Pin carefully. Make sure everything is lying flat!



7. Sew the seam starting from the end and backstitching at the $\frac{1}{4}$ mark.



8. Press the mitered seam open. Press the window/sash seams towards the sashes. They should tend to fall like that anyway.



The finished block



Repeat these steps for each window.

Happy Quilting!