

# Township



Township is made with charm pack squares and/or scraps.

## Cutting:

Houses - each house needs the following pieces:

- Sides - 2 rectangles -  $2'' \times 4\frac{1}{4}''$  - matching or not
- Top of the door - 1 rectangle -  $2'' \times 1\frac{3}{4}''$  - matches the sides or not
- Door - 1 rectangle -  $2'' \times 3''$
- Roof - 1 rectangle -  $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 5''$

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

- Sky "triangles" - 10 squares -  $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$
- Inner border - 2 strips -  $1\frac{1}{4}'' \times 23''$
- Side Borders - 2 strips -  $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 11''$
- Top & Bottom Borders - 2 strips -  $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 29\frac{1}{2}''$

Pieced Fabric Border -

- 30 squares -  $2'' \times 2''$  or 30 half-triangle squares that measure  $2'' \times 2''$  or 46 rectangles -  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2''$

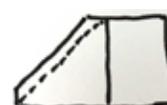
Other Materials -

- Optional - Thin cotton batting & backing if quilting pillow top -  $19'' \times 29''$  pieces recommended
- Pillow backing -  $\frac{5}{8}$  yard or  $17'' \times 27''$  piece of fabric
- $16'' \times 26''$  pillow form or fiberfill for stuffing
- Optional - zipper or buttons for finishing pillow

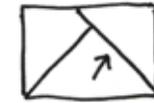
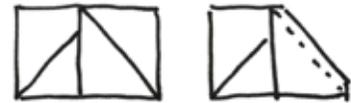
All seams are a scant  $\frac{1}{4}''$  unless specified otherwise.

## Building The Houses.

- On the wrong side of two sky squares -  $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$  - draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposing corner.
- With right sides together, lay one square -  $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$  - on one side of the roof rectangle  $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 5''$ .
- Stitch on the line from one corner to the opposing corner. Trim the seam to a  $\frac{1}{4}''$ . 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 -  $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 11''$  - to the sides of the pieced panel. Press the seams toward the side border strips.

Finally, sew the top & bottom border strips -  $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 29\frac{1}{2}''$  - to the top & bottom edges of the pieced panel. Press the seams toward the border strips.

**Optional:** Layer pillow top with batting and inner backing, and quilt as desired. 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.

**Optional 2:** Quilt the backing? If so, trim to measure the same size and edge-stitch the sandwich.

**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. A  $\frac{1}{4}''$  seam allowance is too small a seam allowance 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.