

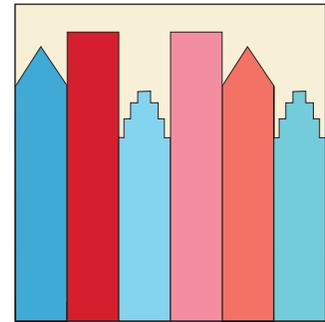
Like many Australians, my favourite country to travel to is Japan; it is only a short hop (only 8 hours - so much better than the 15 hours to the USA!) I love to visit in the winter when it is cold and snowing, making it so delightful as I live in a hot climate and never get to wear a winter coat - what a novelty! Japan is rich in both culture and tradition; but it is also awesome for shopping! Tokyo has some of the most amazing quilting and patchwork stores tucked away in unexpected locations within the many skyscrapers dotted throughout the city. This block was inspired by the times spent in Tokyo discovering these delightful fabric stores, but can be translated to any city around the world.

Skyscrapers

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"



Requirements

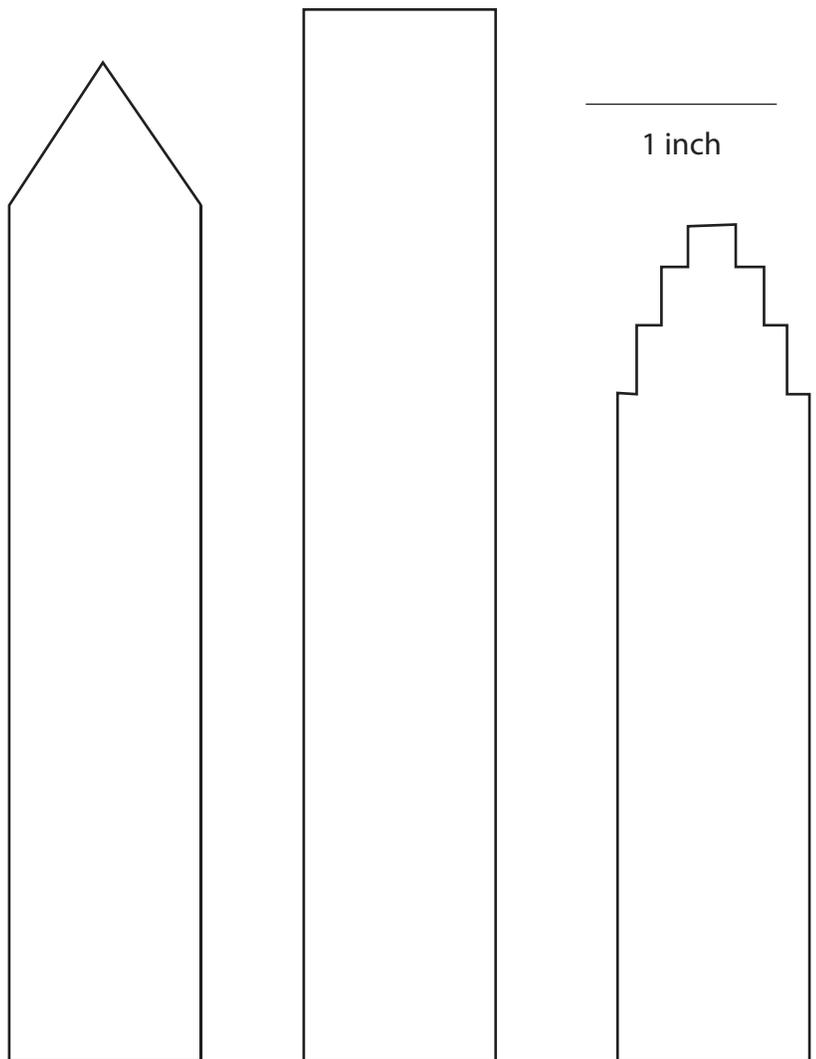
- ✚ Background fabric: 6 ½" x 6 ½"
- ✚ Buildings: Each building - 1 ½" x 6". (I used three different fabrics for the buildings)
- ✚ Fusible webbing
- ✚ Aurifil Thread 50wt # 2775

Block Assembly

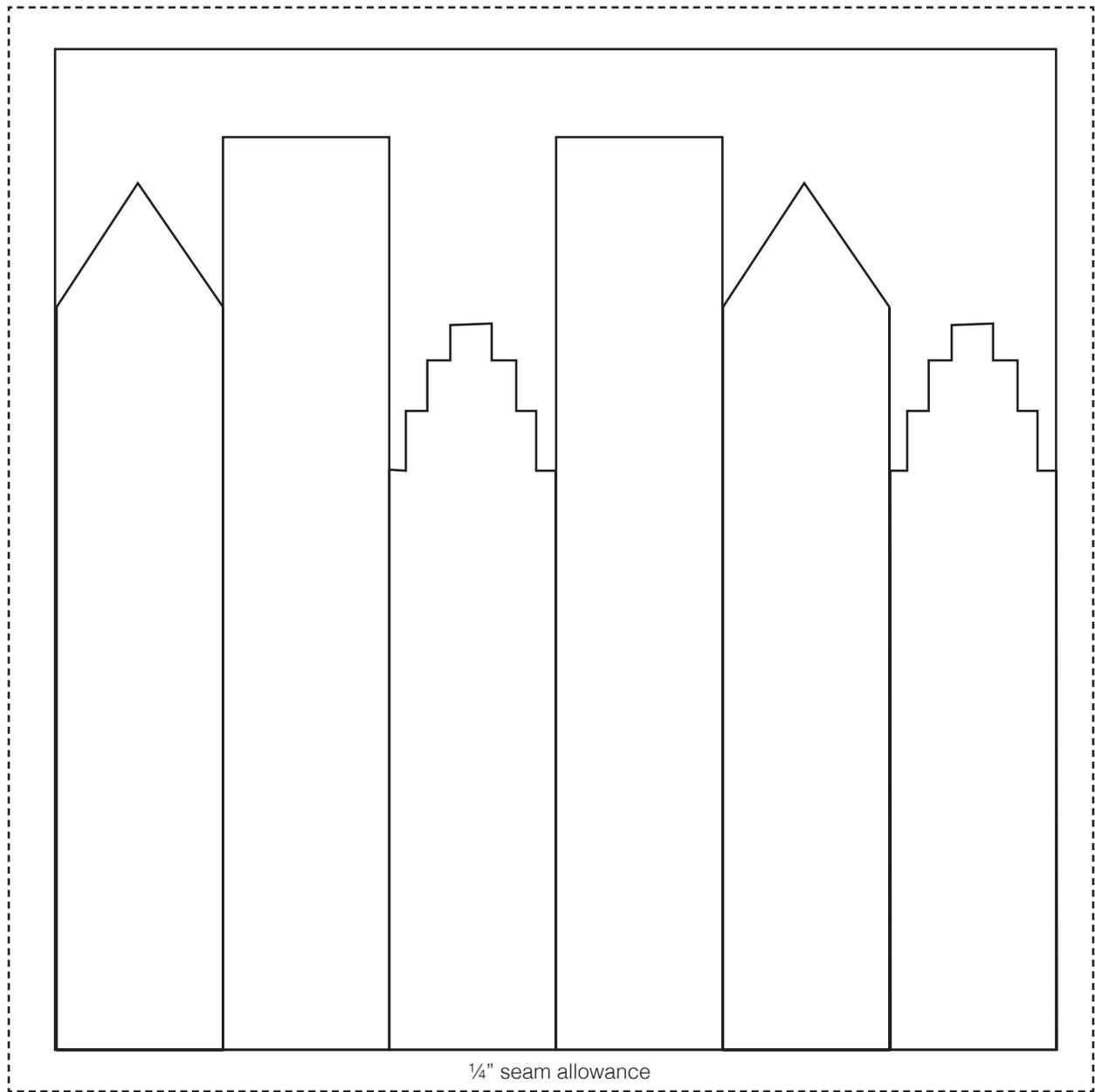
1. Print or trace applique onto fusible webbing. Cut around the applique shapes roughly leaving ¼" around each shape.
2. Iron onto the wrong side of the chosen fabric for the buildings and then cut building shapes out.
3. Remove backing paper from fusible webbing.

Hint: I score the middle of the shape gently with a pin making an x shape, from this point I carefully peel away the paper. I find if I do it this way I keep my nice crisp edges on my applique shape.
4. Iron down appliqué pieces onto the background leaving a ¼" margin around the bottom and side edges of the background fabric. Refer to block diagram as a guide to place the buildings.
5. Using your preferred method, blanket stitch, or straight stitch around the edges to attach applique shapes to background fabric. My preferred method is to straight stitch around all the raw edges using two strands of thread on my sewing machine utilizing a slightly longer than normal stitch.
6. Unfinished block size 6 ½" x 6 ½".

Trace 2 of each building



Do not 'fit to page' or scale



1/4" seam allowance

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1 inch

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