

Around The Block

Amy / February

'Feel' of the quilt

Playful. Quirky. Cheerful.

Colour Palette:

Assorted scraps in bright colours. *Please do not add any fabrics.*

Block size:

7" square with seam allowance (to be sewn into 6.5" finished blocks). Each building or tree should fit within a 5" square in the center of the block and be surrounded by white fabric.

Block type:

Teeny Weeny Quirky Village

I would love if you could help me create a teeny weeny quirky village using some of my favourite fabrics.

Blocks Visuals

- Each blocks will be one or two village bits (house, church, tree) surrounded by white fabric
- Blocks with buildings should have at least one character in it
- Do not construct big scenes in a block. Simple is better with one house or tree and no more than two.
- Do not add paths or roads. *Less is More*
- The village is less than perfect. Roofs can slant. Trees might be crooked.
- Aim for quirky but plausible. For example, maybe a seahorse lives in beach bungalow. Houses should still be generally house-like and things humans might live in. Do not build fantasy houses like watering cans
- Try not to take the prints too literally. Just because a print has a flower, do not instantly make it a garden. Try to think about how small scraps or details might be used creatively. Maybe an edge of a repeating flower looks like bricks or shingles
- Check the gallery for inspiration.

Block General Construction

- Please do not use curves or round bits.
- You may create the blocks with patchwork or appliqué or a combination of both. Expect the finished product to have minimal practical use. It will be something admired and rarely washed item.
- Again less is more, so please don't sew lots of detail into things
- If you choose to appliqué and don't have fusible materials let me know and I can send you some. My machine is a workhorse and I usually use UltraBond strong. I am told this clogs most machines, so I didn't send any straight away because I didn't want to be responsible for ruining everyone's machines! Let me know and I can send you some, if needed.
- If you do appliqué, please use edgestitching as seen in the gallery (as opposed to needlreturned appliqué or blanket stitch)
- **Each building or tree should fit within a 5" square in the center of the block and be surrounded by white fabric**
- Overall returned blocks size should be 7" (6.5" finished with seam allowance). See included template

Scraps

Please return all scraps to owner

No. of blocks:

Please make at least 1 block and up to 5 blocks. One is plenty, but if there is enough fabric you can make more. *Please make no more than 5.*

Adding fabric:

Please do not add any fabrics.

Intended purpose of blocks:

The village is for me. These blocks may end up as bunting for my sewing room rather than a quilt. That way I get to see them everyday instead of a folded quilt. I'll decide when they arrive back.

Specific construction requests:

- Please do not use curves
- Press your seams either open or towards the dark as suits
- Please refer to my inspiration gallery post. I've left notes explaining what I like about each example that I've posted.

If you are stuck for ideas, feel free to email me. If I haven't sent enough scraps let me know and I can send you more.

7" x 7" – returned block size

6.5"x6.5" – (finished size)

5"x5" – space that the village bit fits in

