10 Minute Block Variation (On Point)

Step 1 - Cut a 5" Square

Step 2 - Cut 5" Square into 4 triangles on the diagonal

Step 3 - Cut 4.75" Square - I folded it in half in both directions for center reference

Step 4 - Fold 4.75" Square in half - wrong sides together. This picture shows how the pieces will be laid out when sewn together

Step 5 - Place one triangle on the back side of the folded square with raw edges together and with right sides of fabric together

Step 6 - Place another triangle on the top side of the folded square with raw edges together and with right sides of fabric together
Step 7 - This is how it should look before sewing it together. Sew along the short edge of the folded 4.75" square.

Step 8 - Do both sides of the 4.75" square in the same manner.

Step 9 - Open the triangles and prepare to iron them open.

Step 10 - Iron triangles so wrong sides are together.
Step 11 - Open folded 4.75 square

Step 12 - Fold piece so that the 4.75" square is now folded in the opposite direction and line up the center seams and triangles.

Step 13 - Pin at center and at the ends of the 4.75" square.

Step 14 - Sew along long side of the 4.75" square (and triangles).
Step 15 - Open block and iron

Step 16 - Cut 2.5” center square, place into center of the 4.75 square

Step 17 - Fold edges of 4.75” square over the edges of the 2.5” block, iron

Step 18 - Sew edges of 4.75” square

Step 16 – 18 can be done after the blocks are trim and sewn into the quilt top.
Step 19 - Trim block down to 3.5" – Sew blocks into rows using ‘On Point’ Layout
Using this method –
(the one where you make the block larger to have some room to play with the finished size)

Make the Step 1 block 2” larger than what the finished block size will be and the Step 3 block 1.75” (1 3/4”) larger than the finished block size. The window size block would then be .5 (1/2”) smaller than the finished size block.

My first attempt at on-point block, I started out using a 4.25 (4 1/4”) Step 1 block and a 4.75 (4 3/4”) Step 3 block but I didn’t like the way it turned out. The measurements didn't leave room for error and I found that when folding blocks in this manner a little room for error was needed to create a cleaner finished block. This test block is why I chose to change my Step 1 block to 5” to start and trim the overall block down to size when finished.

Just thought I would share some new information with you. After I got home, I made a test block using the tradition 10 minute block method to see what a full size window block required. Here’s what I found out. First determine what you want your finished block size to be. In this case 7”, you will then need 4 blocks to be 4” (or 1/2 of the 7” plus a 1/2”, so that when they are sewn using the 10MB construction method, it will give you the starting 7 1/2” to finish at 7”); 1 block needs to be 7 1/2” when sewn using the 10MB construction method, it will finish at 7”, and one block for the center window square at 4 1/2”. I measured the finished inner square (5” and cut the window square a 1/2” smaller to reduce bulk). When completely finished I had an attractive block if I do say so.

For a traditional 10 minute block cathedral window style my test blocks were
4) 4” blocks
1) 7.5 (7 1/2”) block
1) 4.5” (4 1/2”) block for the center window

I am going to have to make a quilt using thing technique now; I love how quickly it went together.