



"Patchwork Cottage" by Evelyn George

This cute little house will use up lots of leftover squares and scraps, and is so much fun that you can quickly make enough blocks for a little quilt in time for the holidays. Blocks finish at 6"—so, just a dozen assorted scrappy cottages is enough for a little quilt around 24 x 30", depending on sashing and borders. Or stitch a single row of blocks into a horizontal or vertical wall hanging, table runner, etc. How about a quilt for a little child's doll or bear?



For each block you need:

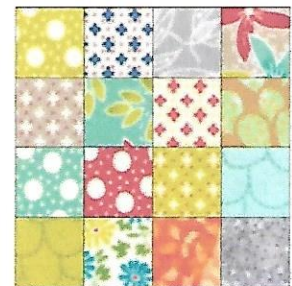
16 assorted 1½" squares (house)

1½" x 4½" (roof)

1" x 1½" for chimney

Background: 2 pcs. 1½" x 1½" (corners of roof); 1½" x 2½" (left of chimney and 1½" x 2" (right of chimney) and 2 pcs. 1½" x 6½" (block sides);

Start by arranging the 16 scrappy squares to make a pleasing "house." → Using *scant* 1/4" seam allowance, stitch squares into 4 rows; press row seams in opposite directions, then join rows together to make the house (when pressed, it should measure 4½" x 4½").



Make the roof by laying a 1½" background square on each end of the roof rectangle, *right sides together* and edges aligned. Draw a diagonal line on the *wrong side* of the background squares at opposite angles as shown (1), to shape the roof corners. Stitch together on the diagonal lines and trim (2), leaving about ¼" seam allowance. Open out triangles and press toward corners (3).



(1)



(2)



(3) roof

Make chimney section by stitching a background strip to either side of the chimney piece -it's slightly off center, so it doesn't really matter -once pieced, you can turn it around to vary the chimney placement as you wish.



Arrange the house, roof, chimney and sides to match the illustration at top of page.

Stitch chimney piece to roof piece, and stitch that to the top of the house; then add the sides, and your Patchwork Cottage is done! Make a whole village!

