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The Neighborhood
(approximately 50” x 50”)
From the Centenary Collection by Yoko Saito for Lecien
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This is a fabulously fun quilt to make! This is a quiet Japanese village consisting of 12 large homes and 10 smaller homes all surrounded by a picket fence. There are paths of cobblestones connecting all the homes in the village. The quilt is simply constructed -- you'll have fun making this quilt!

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

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<td>21 fat quarters</td>
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<td>1/2 yard of two fabrics</td>
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Note: Please read through instructions before beginning.
Seams are 1/4”. I recommend pressing all the seams open.

You'll use the “flying geese” block when making this quilt. Procedurally you'll have a strip of fabric and 2 squares to make the block. Draw a pencil line diagonally from corner to corner on the back of the squares. Place a square face-to-face on one side of the strip. Sew directly on the pencil line. Trim 1/4” from the seam and press open. For all the roofs, repeat the process on the other side.

THE HOUSE BLOCK

To make one 8” house block, cut:

- 1 - 4 1/2” x 8 1/2” strip (roof fabric)
- 2 - 4 1/2” squares (background fabric)
- 3 - 1” x 4 1/2” strips (background fabric)
- 2 - 1 1/2” x 4 1/2” strip (house fabric)
- 1 - 2” x 3 3/4” strip (house fabric)
- 1 - 1 1/2” x 2” strip (window fabric)
- 1 - 2” x 3 1/2” strip (door fabric)

Use your “roof fabric” strip and your 2 background fabric squares to construct your roof using the flying geese method.

The bottom half of your house block is simple piecing.

Sew all pieces together. Add to roof. Make 12 house blocks.

THE ALTERNATE CHAIN BLOCK

For each chain block, cut:

- 4 - 1 1/2” squares (for center 4 patch)
- Round 1: 4 - 1 1/2” x 2 1/2” strips
- Round 2: 4 - 1 1/2” x 2 1/2” strips
- Round 3: 4 - 1 1/2” x 6 1/2” strips
- 12 - 1 1/2” squares (for the posts)

1. Make a center 4 patch. Sew 2 of your Round 1 strips to the sides of your 4 patch. Sew -1 1/2” squares to both ends of both remaining Round 1 strips. Sew these strips to the top and bottom of your block.
2. Use the same process for Round 2 and Round 3.

QUILT ASSEMBLY

Lay out all your house and chain blocks. Use photo for reference. Sew your blocks together in 5 rows. Sew your rows together.

BORDERS

1. Cut, measure and sew 2 - 1” strips to fit the sides of your quilt. Cut, measure and sew 2 - 1” strips to fit the top and bottom of your quilt.
2. Cut, measure and sew 2 - 3/4” strips to fit the sides of your quilt. Cut, measure and sew 2 - 3/4” strips to fit the top and bottom of your quilt.
3. Cut, measure and sew 2 - 1” strips to fit the sides of your quilt. Cut, measure and sew 2 - 1” strips to fit the top and bottom of your quilt.

LAST (OUTER) BORDER

Make 10 - 4” house blocks. Use the flying geese method for the roof. For each house, cut:

- 1 - 2 1/2” x 4 1/2” strip (roof fabric)
- 2 - 2 1/2” squares (background fabric)
- 2 - 2” x 2 1/2” strips (house fabric)
- 1 - 1 1/2” square (house fabric)
- 1 - 1 1/2” square (door fabric)

Sew together.

For two of the corners of your quilt, make 2 - 4” stars. Use the flying geese method for your star points. For each star, cut:

- 1 - 2 1/2” square (star center fabric)
- 4 - 2 1/2” x 1 1/2” strips (background fabric)
- 8 - 1 1/2” squares (star fabric)
- 4 - 1/2” squares (background fabric)

Sew together to make two stars.

FOR PICKET FENCE

- For each of your 4 sides, cut 34 - 1 1/2” x 4 1/2” strips and 34 - 1 1/2” squares.
Use the flying geese method on the outside edge of each strip to create your picket fence.

IMPORTANT!!!! Alternate the direction of the point on each strip. Sew your 34 strips together to make your fence. Sew your houses and stars to the pick fence strips as shown. You've made a Japanese village quilt! ENJOY!!!