



Little Cottage blocks by honeybee cloths

Little Cottage blocks can be made simply and quickly by machine applique, or using your preferred Foundation Piecing technique. Instructions and patterns for both methods outlined below. Cute on it's own, or join several together to make a little village of cottages. The block pictured is made using Foundation piecing technique. Each completed little cottage block measure 6 1/2" x 6" (16.5cm x 15cm) excluding sashing.

For each block you will need:

Contrasting fabrics including approx:

12.5cm x 25 cm dark coloured print

10cm x 10cm light coloured print

10cm x 12.5cm white cotton fabric

For the Applique technique, you'll need:

Bondaweb,

Thread for topstitching,

25cm x 25m plain white or light coloured cotton fabric for backing.

For Foundation piecing technique, you'll need either:

Sew-in interfacing, Freezer paper, or lightweight copy paper

Equipment: Sewing machine, Iron, Pins and needles, Rotary cutter, cutting mat and ruler, pencil, scissors

Machine applique technique (skill level: Easy to Intermediate)

1. Print out the Applique Corner Shop pattern on page 3

N.B. Check print settings are set to "Actual size" in Size Options of print menu.

2. Using a pencil and ruler trace outline of pieces 1-5 onto bondaweb.

3. Place on top of wrong side of dark fabric and press using a hot iron until the bondaweb sticks to fabric.

4. Reach for the rotary cutter, guide & cutting mat and carefully cut out.

5. Now trace the outlines of pieces 6-8 (windows and door) onto bondaweb, cut out, and put to one side for use in step 8.

6. Peel off the paper and position pieces 1-5 on the backing fabric.

7. Press for 10 seconds with a hot iron, until the bondaweb sticks to the backing fabric.

8. Peel of the paper from pieces 6-8, position windows and door as shown on pattern. Press with a hot iron.

9. Now the pieces are in position, machine applique round the raw edges, using a buttonhole stitch.

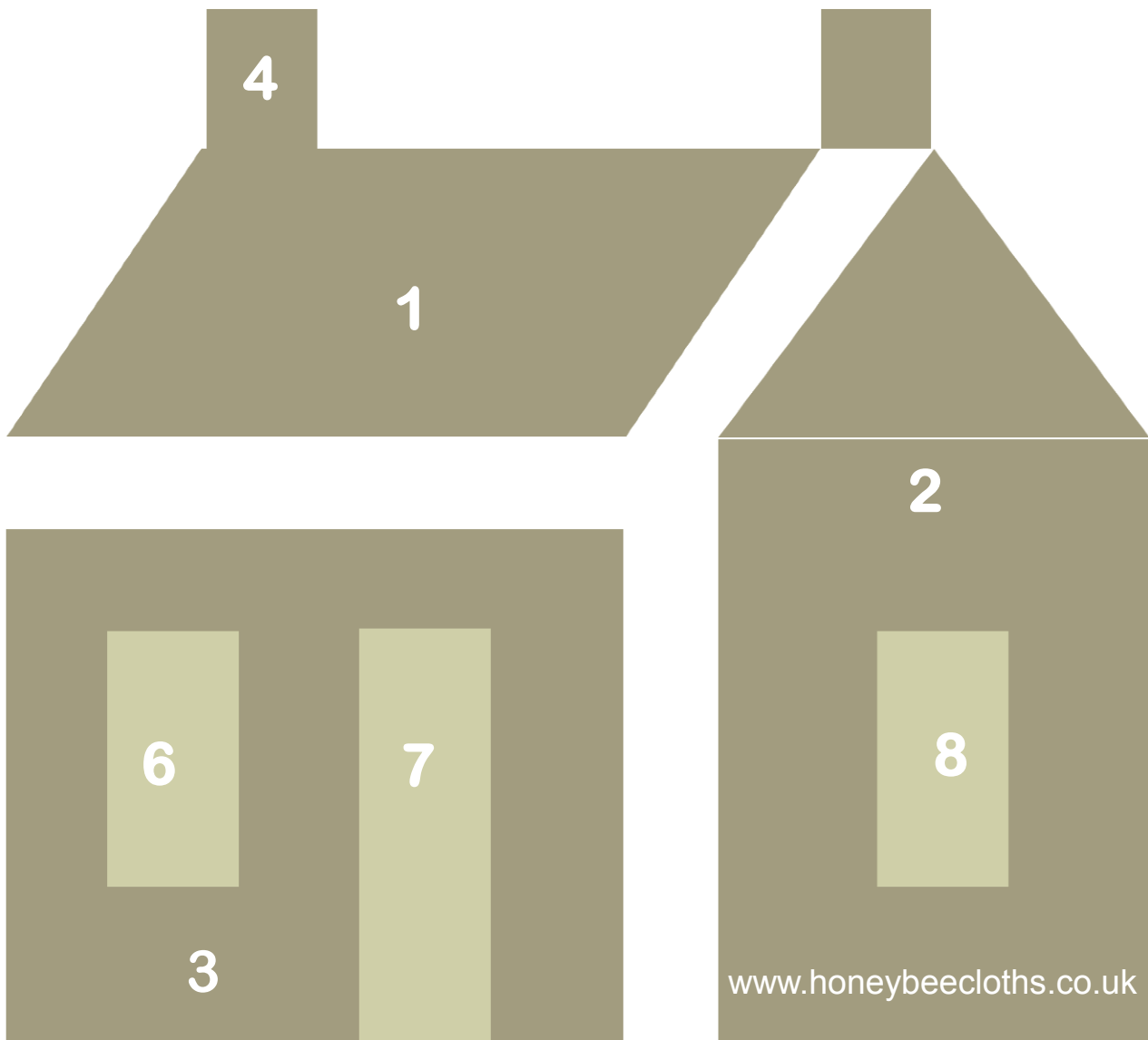
10. You're block is now complete!

Little Cottages block

Finished width 6 ½ “

Height 6”

*Pattern for bondaweb &
machine applique method*



Foundation piecing Corner Shop block (skill level: Intermediate to Experienced)

For Foundation piecing using sew-interfacing or Freezer paper method print out Foundation piecing block pattern on page 5

TIP: check print settings are set to "Actual size" in Size Options of print menu.

** If you're new to Paper piecing, you'll find hugely helpful tips and superb tutorials for Foundation paper and freezer paper piecing on **Charise Randell's - brilliant blog here***

1. Trace the pattern onto interfacing or freezer paper.

2. Prepare pieces:

*- For freezer paper method: Number each pattern piece (see pattern) before cutting out. Iron pattern pieces to right side of fabric, then cut out leaving 1/4" seam allowance around each piece.**

- For sew-in interfacing foundation method check fabric to be used is big enough to provide a 1/4" seam allowance.

*- For Foundation paper piecing: Place right side of fabric to unprinted side of paper, hold up to the light to check for correct positioning.**

Set length of machine stitch to short stitch (this will make it easier to tear paper backing out when block is complete)

2. Sew pieces 1-5 together in sequence, using your preferred method. Now sew pieces 6 -14 together in sequence.

3. Sew the two rectangles prepared in step 2 together, referring to pattern to check positioning.

4. Sew pieces 15-19 (roof section), then 20-24 (chimneys) together.

Using a pin to match seams, sew roof and chimney sections together.

5. You're nearly there! Sew the units prepared in steps 3 & 4 together, then sew 2" strips of plain white or light coloured print to form sashing around your block.

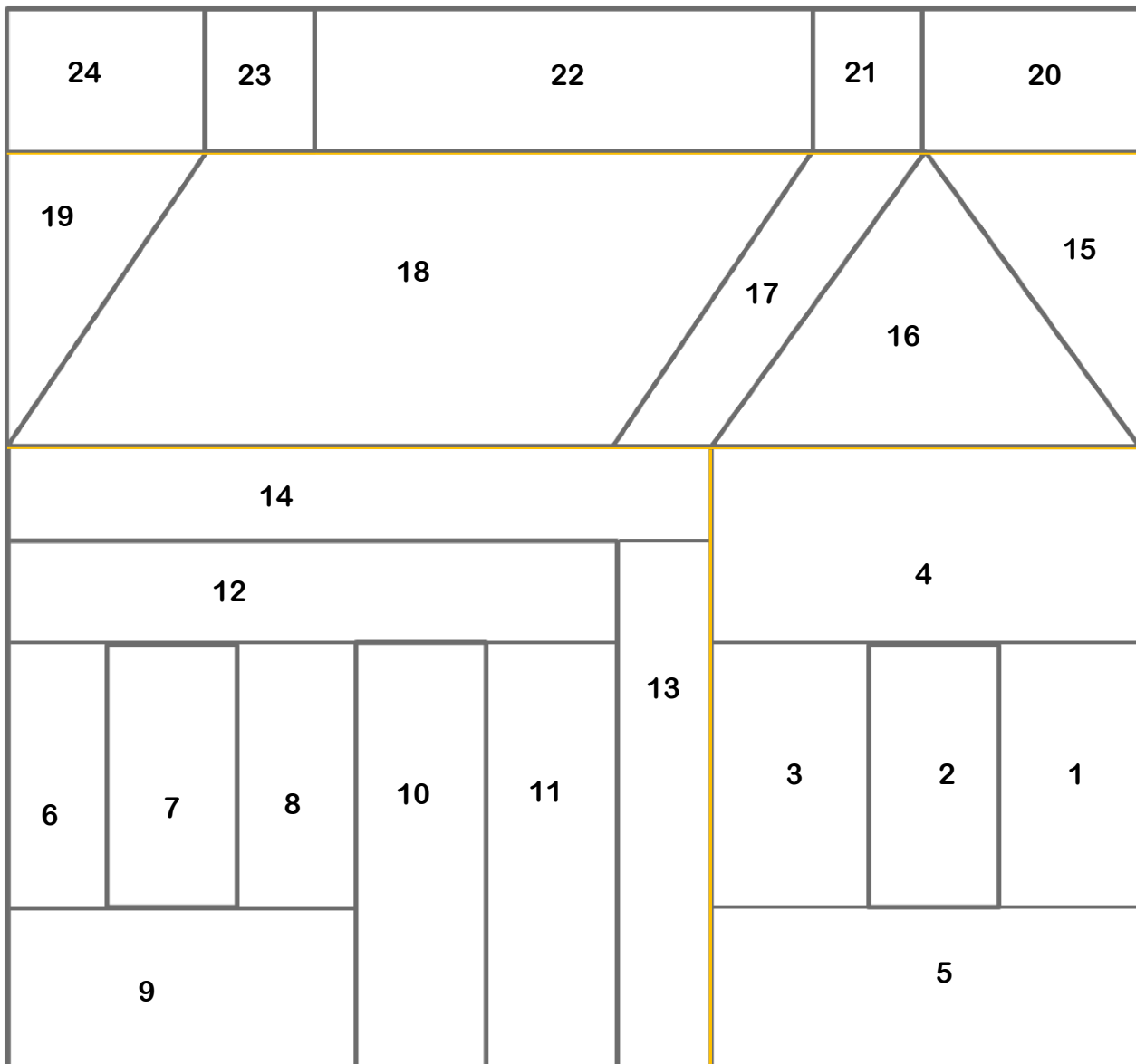
LITTLE COTTAGE BLOCK

Finished width 6 ½ "

Height 6"

Pattern reversed for Foundation Paper piecing

Cut along highlighted lines prior to piecing





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Happy sewing xx

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