

## 2024 Fort Bragg Quilt Show Small Opportunity Quilt – “Wonky Houses”

Pattern: Happy Scrappy Houses by Quiltville Custom Quilting

### Fabric needed from your stash:

**NOTE: Make it colorful!!** This quilt is intended for a child. You can use solids, batiks, small prints. You have the option of making 1 chimney or 2 chimneys, and you can put the door on the left or the right (and the window on the opposite side). You can make the background pieces for the house the same or different than the 4 setting pieces that make the house “wonky”. I decided to use blue for these pieces to make them the sky, but you can make your sky any color you want!

House	1	2”x8”	Chimneys**	2 (or 1)	2”x2”
	3	2”x3½”	Roof	1	2”x8”
	1	2”x2”	Background***	5 (or 6)	2”x2”
Door	1	2”x3½”	Setting pieces****	2	3½”x12”
Window*	1	2”x2”			

\*For the window, you might have fun with fussy cutting fabric so there is a dog or a flower or something in the window.

\*\*You can decide to do only 1 chimney, in which case you’ll only need 1 2”x2” piece – replace the other 2”x2” piece with another background piece. (See comment below picture.)

\*\*\*Background pieces go between the 2 chimneys and on the 2 ends of the roof. Your background can be a neutral color (or different neutral colors) – OR you can decide to make the entire background a “sky” color.

\*\*\*\*BEST PRESS the setting pieces really well! You will be dealing with a bias edge later.

Here are all the pieces you will need:



At this point, decide:

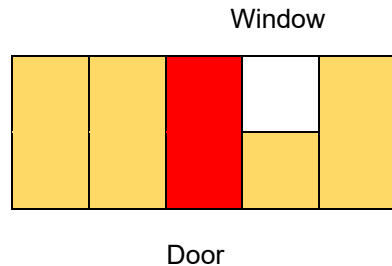
- Will your door go on the left side or the right side? (In this picture, it will go on the left as you look at the house. If you want it on the other side, switch the window and the piece below it with the door.)
- Do you want 2 chimneys or 1? (In the picture above, there are 2 light tan chimneys. If you only want one chimney, replace one of the chimneys with a 2”x2” background piece.)

When you have all your pieces cut and laid out as above, proceed to the next step.

**NOTE: I FOUND IT EASIEST TO PRESS ALL SEAMS OPEN.**

**Make the door-window unit:**

- Sew a 2"x3½" house piece to each side of the door.
- Sew the house 2"x2" piece to the bottom of the window piece.
- Depending which side you want the door, sew the window piece to the left or to the right of the house-door-house section. Sew the final house piece to the window piece, making it the end of that row.
- **NOTE:** You can also choose to put the door and window right next to each other:



**Sew the 2"x8" house piece above the door-window unit.**

**Make the roof unit:**

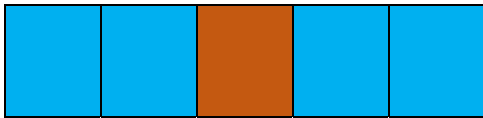
- Take a 2"x2" background square and draw a diagonal line from corner to corner – repeat with a 2<sup>nd</sup> 2"x2" background square.
- Place the background squares on either end of the roof 2"x8" piece. Stitch on the line, trim. Press.



**Sew the roof unit to the top of the door-window unit.**

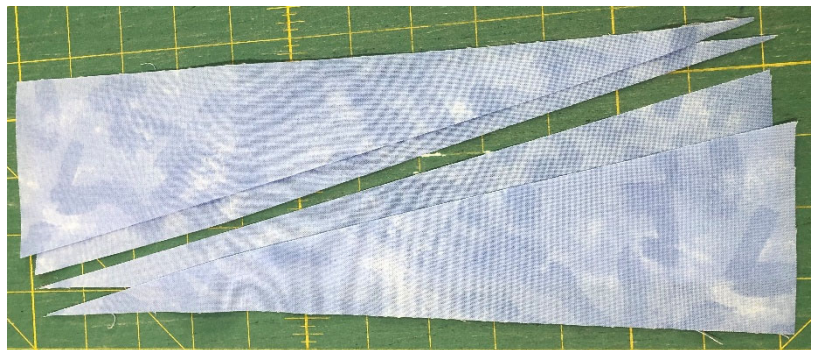
**Make the chimney unit:**

- Depending on whether you decided on 2 chimneys or 1 (and what side the chimney will be on), stitch together a background 2"x2" square, a chimney square, another background square, a chimney square and a final background square. (Or replace one chimney square with a background square.)  
NOTE: You can also put one chimney in the *center* of the roof – like this:



**Sew the chimney unit to the top of the roof unit.** You should now have a complete house unit.

Take the two setting triangle pieces, lay them one on top of the other, right sides UP on each. Cut on the diagonal. (It doesn't matter if you cut upper left to lower right or upper right to lower left – we want a mix of both.) Be sure you know which edges are bias (diagonal) – you want to sew the **OTHER** edges to your piece in the next step.





Take one of the triangular pieces and lay the **straight edge** (not the bias edge) along the left edge of your house piece as shown (***note: your piece might go with the point at the top on the left and at the bottom on the right – depends on how you cut your diagonal. Either is correct.***)

Stitch a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Lay another triangular piece with the straight edge along the right side of your house piece. Stitch.

Trim off the excess at top and bottom.



Sew the other triangles – again sewing the straight edge, not the bias edge – along the top and bottom of the house unit, lining up the edges as shown below.



It's going to look wonky, but **DON'T TRIM YOUR EDGES!!** Leave that for when we stitch the sashing on.



Here's a picture of the quilt from the pattern:

