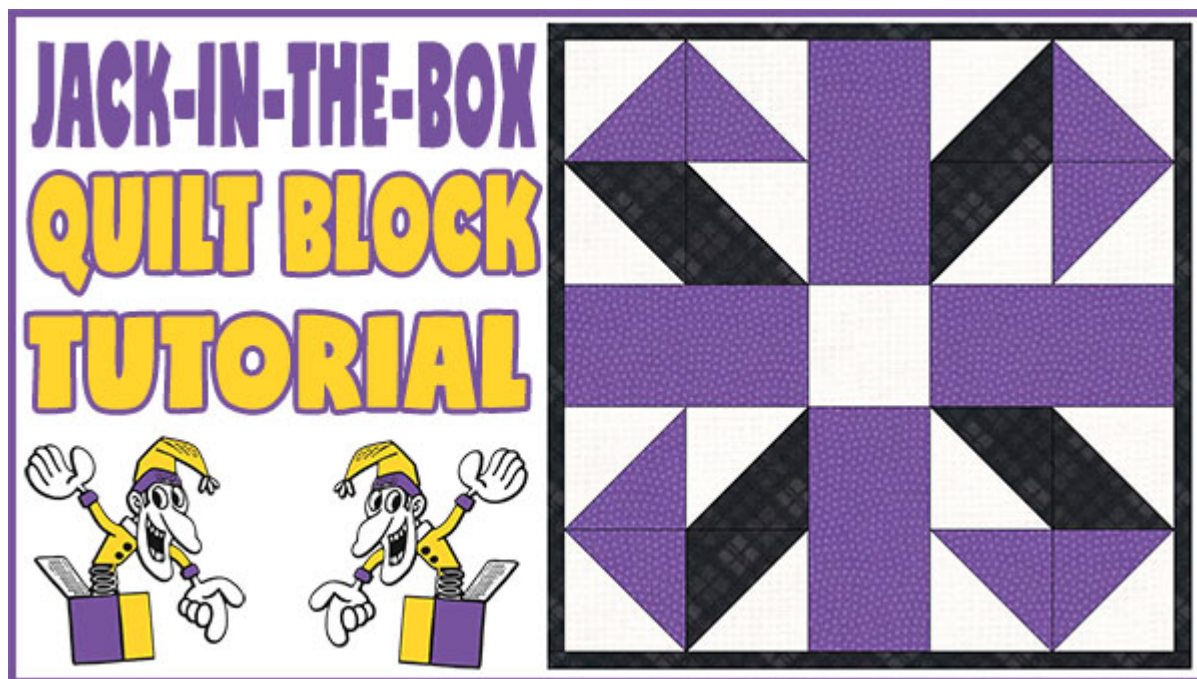


Quilt Block: Jack in the Box

Quilt Block Tutorial



This is our tutorial on how to make the Jack in the Box quilt block. The instructions below are for a 10" finished block" (10½" unfinished) but we have the fabric requirements for other sized blocks in the table at the end of this post.

What you need for a 10" finished block

Main Fabric (white)

- 8 pcs main fabric @ 3" x 3"
- 1 pc main fabric @ 2½" x 2½"

Contrast Fabric 1 (purple)

- 4 pcs @ 3" x 3"
- 4 pcs @ 4½" x 2½"

Contrast Fabric 2 (black)

- 4pcs of contrast 2 @ 3" x 3"



Tools Used in this Tutorial

You can check the latest prices at Amazon by clicking on the links below:

- Creative Grids Ruler 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- Olfa Non-slip Ruler 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- Olfa 60mm rotary cutter
- Olfa 24" x 36" double sided healing mat

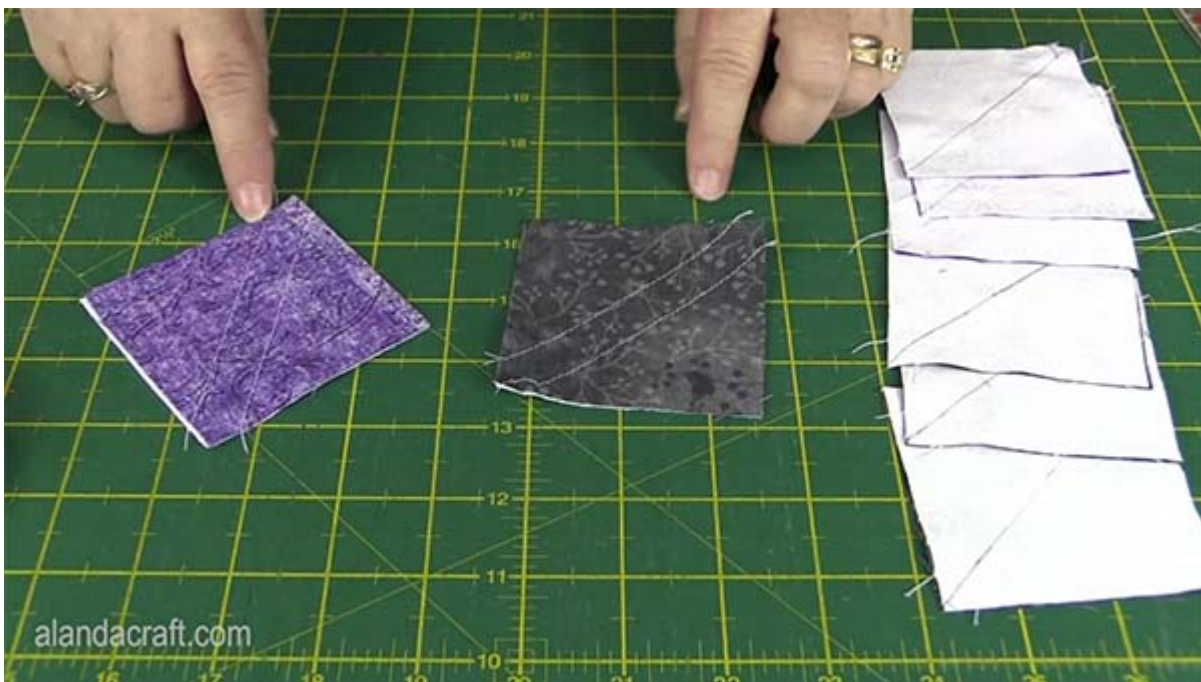
Method

We will start by making 8 half square triangles (HST).

- Take one main piece of the main fabric and place it right sides together on one of the contrasting squares.
- Do this for all 8 pieces of the main fabric.
- Draw a line diagonally across each of the squares.



- Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the drawn line.



- Cut on the drawn line.



- This will give you 2 half square triangles (hst) from each 3" square.
- Press the seam to the dark side on each of hst.
- Trim the hst's to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". If you are unsure on how to do this, here is a link to our tutorial.



- Lay the square out on the mat as shown in the photo below.
- Place the rectangular pieces and the centre square in place.

- We are going to work with the 4 squares in each corner.



- Place one square on top of the other, right sides together and pin.
- Sew the squares together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam
- Press the seam to one side



- Place the two squares in the second row one on top of the other, right sides together and pin.
- Sew the squares together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

- Press the seam in the opposite direction to the squares in the previous row.
- Pressing the squares in opposite directions means the blocks will nest nicely when you come to sew them together.
- Do the same for all four corner blocks.



Now we need to join the blocks together into rows.

- Place the first set of blocks on top of the rectangle, right sides together.
- Sew together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
- Place the last set of blocks in the row, on top of the rectangle, right sides together.
- Sew together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
- Do the same for the other two rows.
- Press the seams open.



- Press the seams on the top and bottom rows in towards the rectangle.
- Press the seams in the middle row out towards the edges.



Now it's time to join the rows.

- Place the first row on top of the middle row, right sides together.
- Make sure the rectangle pieces line up nicely with the centre square. As we have pressed the seams in opposite

directions this will help you line these piece up.

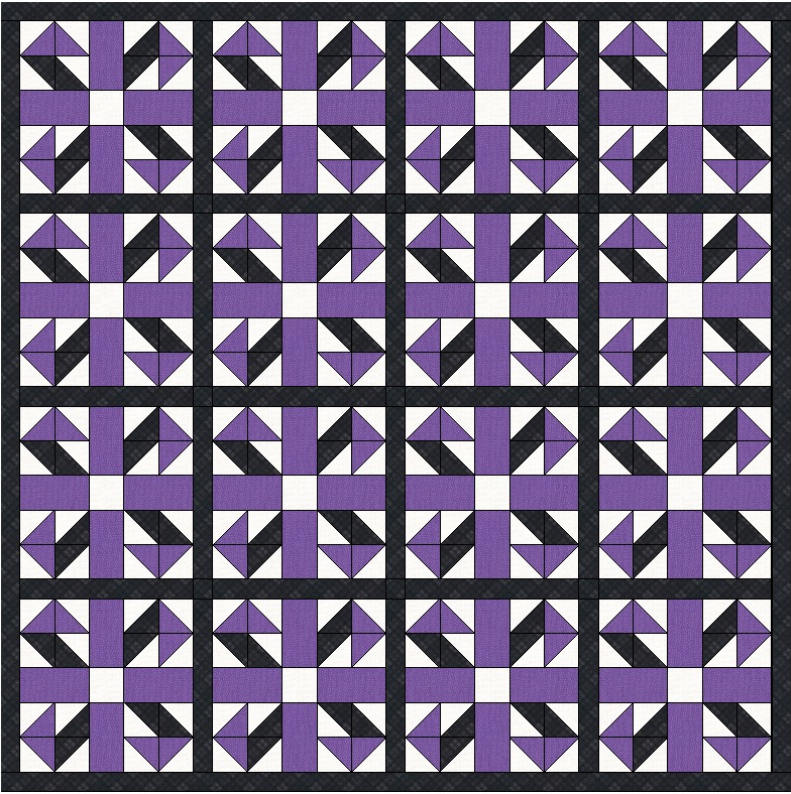
- Sew together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
- And repeat for the last row.

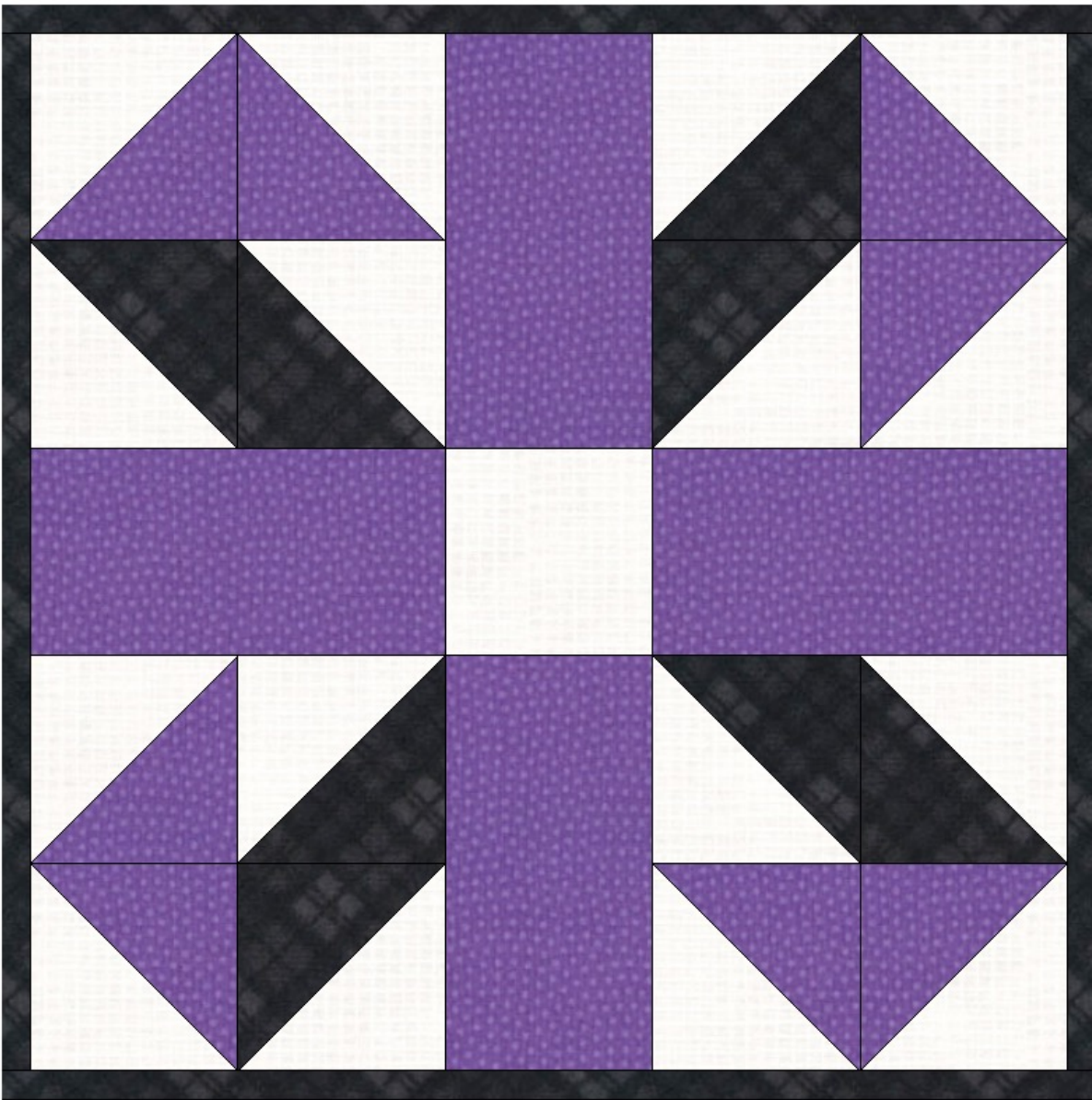


Your Jack in the Box quilt block is now finished.

I have made 4 of these blocks in contrasting colours and will probably add sashing and turn them into either a table runner or cushion cover.







Fabric Requirements for Different Sized Blocks

Finished Size	Fabric 1 (White)	Fabric 2 (Purple)	Fabric 3 (Black)
6"	8 @ 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" 1 @ 1 11/16" x 1 11/16"	4 @ 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" 4 @ 2 7/8" x 1 11/16"	4 @ 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"

Finished Size	Fabric 1 (White)	Fabric 2 (Purple)	Fabric 3 (Black)
8"	8 @ 2 3/4" x 2 3/4" 1 @ 2 1/8" x 2 1/8"	4 @ 2 3/4" x 2 3/4" 4 @ 3 11/16" x 2 1/8"	4 @ 2 3/4" x 2 3/4"
10"	8 @ 3" x 3" 1 @ 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	4 @ 3" x 3" 4 @ 4 1/2" x 2 1/2"	4 @ 3" x 3"
12"	8 @ 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" 1 @ 2 7/8" x 2 7/8"	4 @ 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" 4 @ 5 5/16" x 2 7/8"	4 @ 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"