

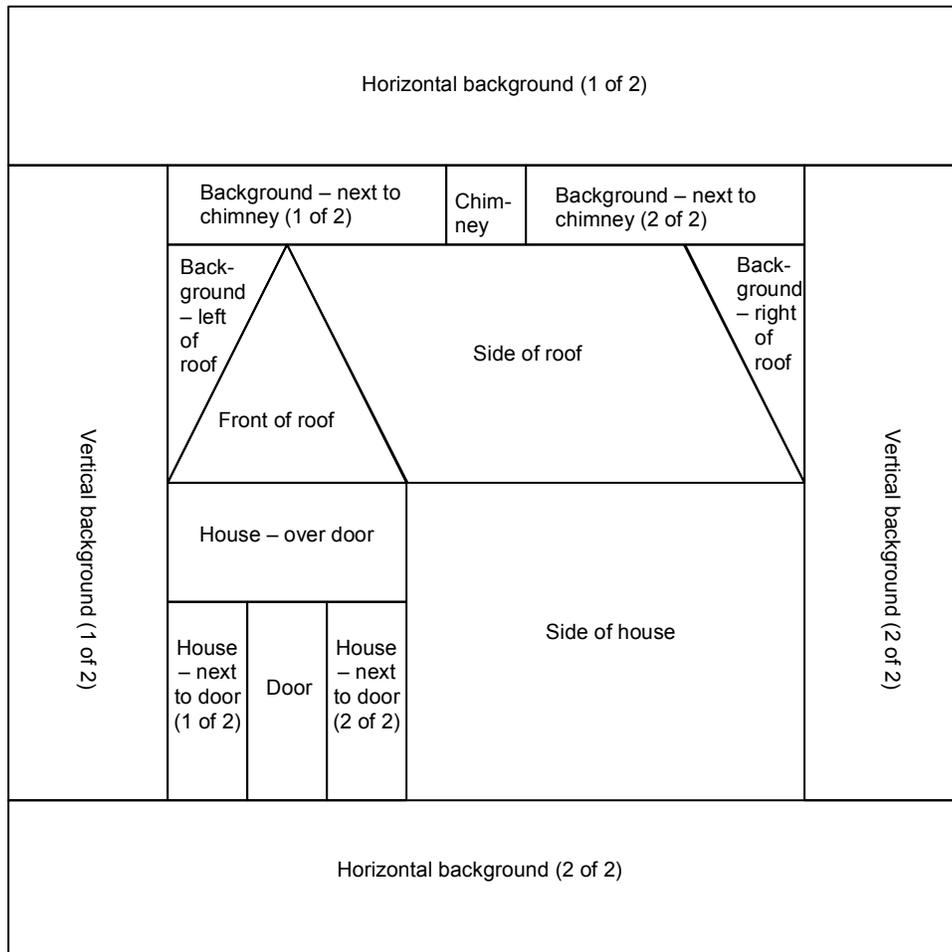
# Glendale Quilt Guild's 2019 Block of the Month Program: Houses

## Guidelines

- For each of nine months, a house theme will be randomly selected and announced during the GQG monthly meeting (Feb. – Oct.).
- Use any fabrics -- and any embellishments, if you choose -- to construct a house block that finishes at 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" raw and reflects the house theme announced at that month's guild meeting.
- A pattern is provided, but it's your quilt. Feel to tweak the pattern if/as you see fit.
- Use quarter-inch seam allowances throughout your block's construction.
- Bring your completed block to the following month's guild meeting for display in the BOM gallery that evening (Mar. – Nov.). It will yours to take home after the meeting.
- If you can't make the meeting, feel free to email a photo of your house block to Tina Curran (at tina@tinacurran.com).

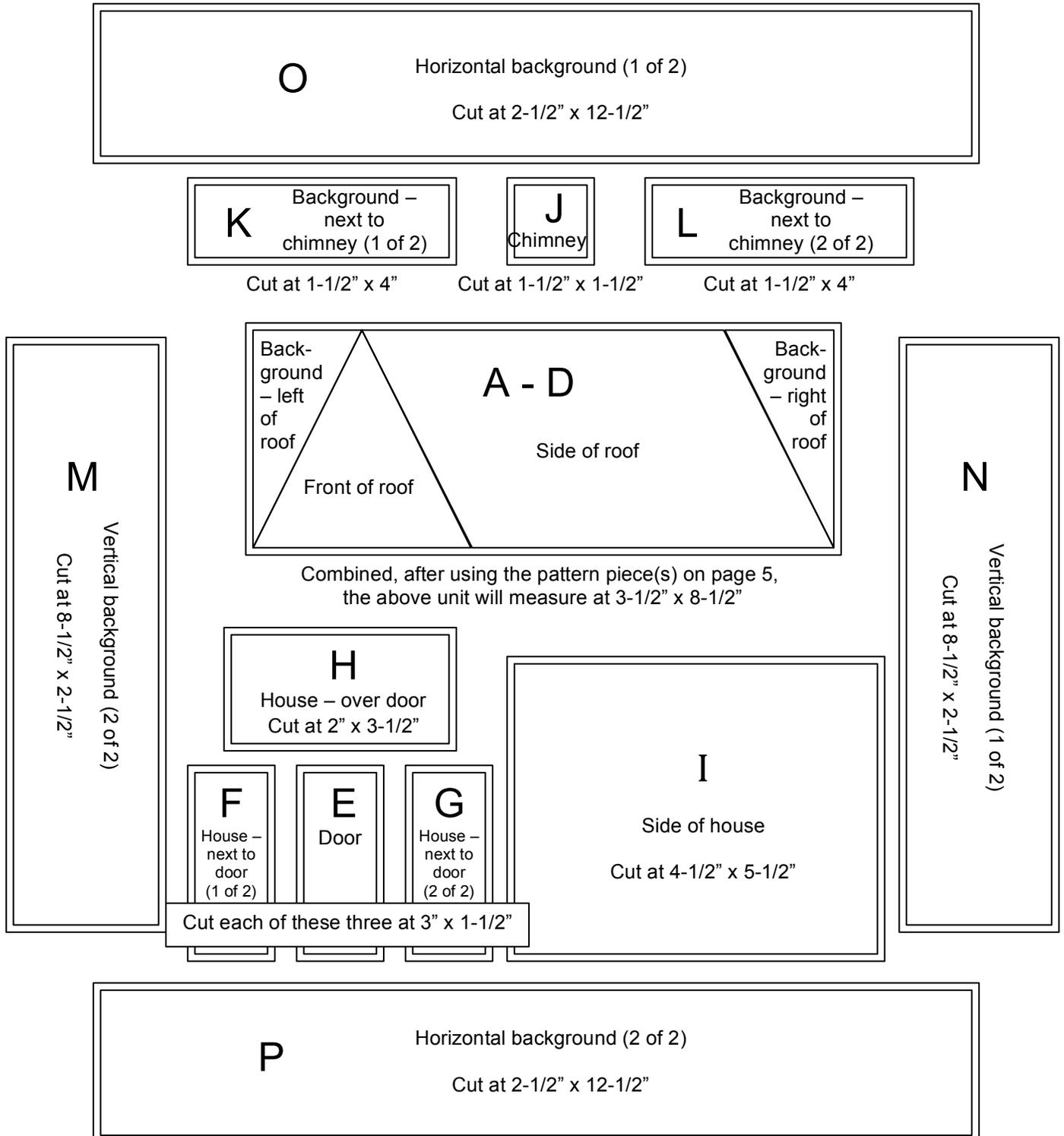
## Supplies

- Less than 1/4 yard of fabric for the house (use any combination of fabrics)
- Less than 1/4 yard of fabric for the background
- Any embellishments you choose to add



**Block exploded to show  
construction methodology  
(pieces on this page NOT actual size)**

Block finishes raw at 12-1/2" x 12-1/2"; so will be 12" x 12" when sewn into a quilt top



## How to Construct the Block

### Pieces A - D (see page 5)

There are two methods to combine these first four pieces:

- If using regular piecing:
  - 1) Cut out fabric pieces for the front of the roof, side of the roof and the two background sections next to the roof using copies of templates A-D on page 5.
  - 2) Sew the B (side of roof) piece to the right side of the A (front of roof) piece.
  - 3) Then sew the C and D (background) pieces to the left and right sides of the combined A/B unit.
  - 4) Iron the combined unit flat and set aside.
  
- OR, if using paper piecing:
  - 1) With a copy of the A/B/C/D pattern piece on page 5, pin a piece of fabric for the front portion of the roof that is sized to generously cover area A on the back (i.e., non-printed) side of the pattern piece.
  - 2) Then, using the side roof fabric, sew a piece to cover area B (including covering the seam allowances throughout) on the lines provided.
  - 3) Then using the background fabric, sew pieces to cover areas C and D.
  - 4) Trim the fabric and paper along the outer seam allowance lines on all four sides. Remove the paper from the block and iron the block flat. Set aside.

### Pieces E - L (see page 2)

- 5) Using the dimensions provided on page 2, cut out fabric pieces for the elements of the house's base – door (E), house part on the left (F) and right (G) sides of the door, house part above the door (H) and side of the house (I).
- 6) Sew the house parts for the sides of the door (F & G) to the sides of the door piece (E).
- 7) Then sew the house part for over the door (H) to the top of the combined E/F/G unit.
- 8) Next, sew the side of the house part (I) to the right side of the combined E/F/G/H unit. Iron flat and set aside.
- 9) Using the dimensions provided on page 2, cut out fabric pieces for the chimney (J) and background sections next to the chimney (K & L).
- 10) Then, sew the background sections next to the chimney (K & L) to the sides of the chimney (J). Iron flat and set aside.

### Assembling the Block (and pieces M - P)

- 11) Next, sew the combined roof unit (A/B/C/D) onto the top side of the combined base-of-the-house unit (E/F/G/H/I), matching the side edges and, ideally, the diagonal roof seam (between pieces A & B) with the vertical house base seam (between pieces combined unit E/F/G/H & I).
- 12) Then, sew the chimney/background unit (J/K/L) onto the top side of the combined house unit (A/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/I), matching up the side edges.
- 13) Using the dimensions provided on page 2, cut out fabric pieces for the vertical background units (M & N) and for horizontal background units (O & P).
- 14) Sew the M and N units to the sides of the combined house unit (A/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/I/J/K/L unit), matching up the top and bottom edges.
- 15) Lastly, sew the O and P units to the top and bottom of the combined house/background unit (A/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/I/J/K/L/M/N unit), matching up the side edges.

- 16) Iron flat. Your piece should measure 12-1/2" x 12-1/2".
- 17) If desired, embellish as you wish to make your house block further reflect the month's randomly selected house theme.
- 18) Bring your block to the guild meeting for inclusion in the display gallery. If you can't be at the meeting, email a photo of your house block to Tina Curran (at [tina@tinacurran.com](mailto:tina@tinacurran.com)).

### **Optional Philanthropic Extension**

As you may be aware, in January, SCCQG shared a request for house blocks. These blocks will be made into quilts to benefit recent fire victims. The request specified house blocks finishing at 10-1/2" x 10-1/2".

The pattern for the GQG block finishes at 12-1/2" x 12-1/2". However, there is a two-inch margin of background with our block. That means our blocks can easily be cut down to 10-1/2" x 10-1/2". If you want to make an extra house block or two (or more) for this effort, please do and Tina will collect & forward them.

Here's the 1/7/19 email from the SCCQG board: "Debbie's Quilt Shop is requesting **quilt blocks with houses** from all over to help local quilters recover from the Camp Fire. The blocks must be 10 1/2 inches (10-inch finished) and may be pieced, appliquéd, or embroidered. Please use good quality 100% cotton quilt shop fabric. Each block must also have **something written** on it with permanent ink...an inspiring saying, your name and city, or just your city and the date. The houses on the blocks may be traditional, modern, or wonky...as long as the block is 10.5 inches. My shop has not yet moved into its new address, so blocks may be sent to my home.....Debbie's Quilt Shop, 6287 Fremont Drive, Magalia, CA 95954."

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Have fun and I can't wait to see the results!

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Roofline pattern pieces for either:  
regular piecing or



paper piecing

