

Project: Christmas Cabin Table Runner

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Create five Courthouse Steps blocks in cheery holiday colors for a special seasonal table runner.

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Materials for Christmas Cabin Table Runner

- 8" square mottled dark gold (block centers)
- $\frac{7}{8}$ yard mottled ivory-and-gold (blocks)
- $\frac{2}{3}$ yard red, green, and gold print (blocks)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard each of mottled red, mottled green, and mottled gold (border)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ yard mottled red-and-gold (binding)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards backing fabric
- 26x74" batting

Finished table runner: $17\frac{1}{2} \times 65\frac{1}{2}$ "

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From mottled dark gold, cut:

- $5-2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for block centers

From mottled ivory-and-gold, cut:

- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 9
- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 7
- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 5
- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 3
- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 1

From red, green, and gold print, cut:

- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 10
- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 8
- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 6
- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 4
- $10-1\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for position 2

From mottled red, cut:

- $2-3 \times 17\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips
- $2-3 \times 15\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for border

From mottled green, cut:

- $3-3 \times 15\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for border

From mottled gold, cut:

- $3-3 \times 15\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for border

From mottled red-and-gold, cut:

- $5-2\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ " binding strips

Assemble Blocks

1. Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together a mottled dark gold $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square and two mottled ivory-and-gold position 1 rectangles. Press seams toward rectangles.
2. Add red, green, and gold print position 2 rectangles to remaining edges of mottled dark gold square (**Diagram 2**). Press seams toward rectangles.
3. Join mottled ivory-and-gold position 3 rectangles to opposite edges of Step 2 unit (**Diagram 3**); press seams as before. Continue in the same manner, adding pairs of rectangles in numerical sequence, to make a Courthouse Steps block (**Diagram 4**). The block should be $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 to make five Courthouse Steps blocks total.

Assemble Table Runner Center

Referring to **Table Runner Assembly Diagram**, lay out blocks in a vertical row, rotating alternate blocks as shown. Join blocks to make table runner center. Press seams in one direction. The table runner center should be $12\frac{1}{2} \times 60\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

Assemble and Add Border

1. Referring to **Table Runner Assembly Diagram**, sew together short edges of four mottled red, green, and gold $3 \times 15\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to make a pieced border strip. Press seams in one direction. The strip should be $3 \times 60\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second pieced border strip.
2. Join pieced border strips to long edges of table runner center. Sew mottled red $3 \times 17\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to remaining edges to complete table runner top. Press all seams toward border.

Finish Table Runner

1. Layer table runner top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired. The machine-quilter used gold metallic thread and a decorative blanket stitch around the rectangles in the blocks and border of the table runner.
2. Bind with mottled red-and-gold binding strips. After the binding was stitched down, a final row of blanket stitching was added between the border and the binding to complete the table runner.

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Diagram 1

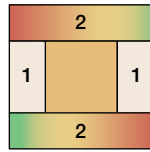


Diagram 2

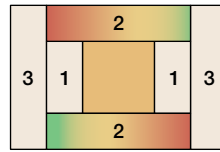


Diagram 3

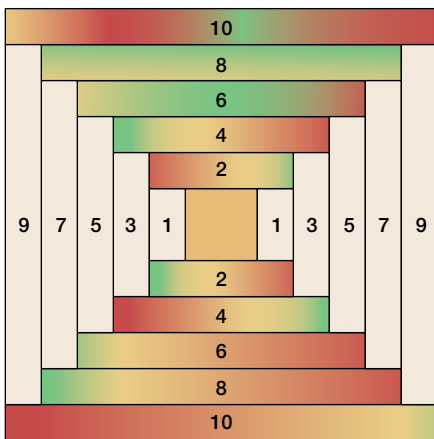


Diagram 4

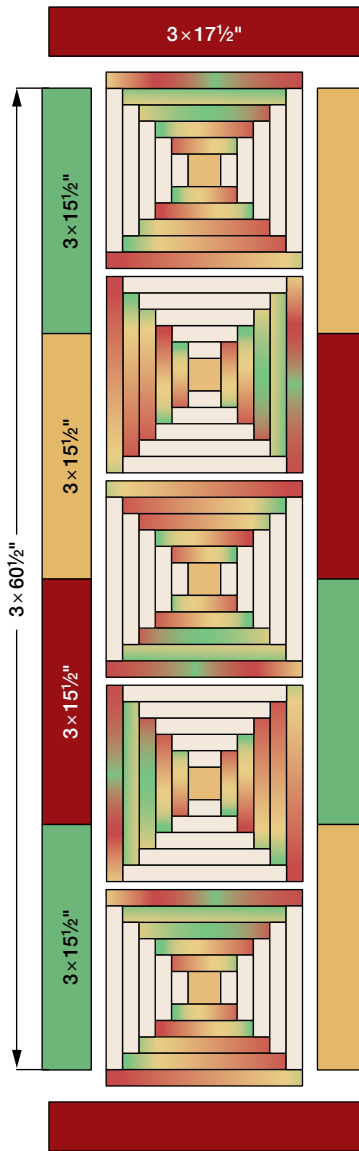


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