

Blast from the Past Sampler: Block 27

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FINISHED BLOCK: 12" square

MATERIALS

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 18x21" piece (fat quarter) light print
- 18x21" piece (fat quarter) dark print
- 10" square medium print

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From light print, cut:

- 4-2x5³/₄" rectangles
- 4-2" squares
- 2-1¹/₄x10" strips
- 2-1¹/₄x8¹/₂" strips
- 2-1¹/₄x7" strips
- 2-1¹/₄x5¹/₂" strips

From dark print, cut:

- 1-4" square
- 1-2" square
- 2-1¹/₄x11¹/₂" strips
- 2-1¹/₄x10" strips
- 2-1¹/₄x5¹/₂" strips
- 2-1¹/₄x4" strips

From medium print, cut:

- 2-1¹/₄x8¹/₂" strips
- 2-1¹/₄x7" strips

ASSEMBLE BLOCK

Measurements include ¹/₄" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

1 Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each light print 2" square.

2 Align marked light print 2" squares with opposite corners of dark print 4" square (**Diagram 1**). Sew on marked lines. Trim seam allowances to ¹/₄". Press open attached triangles. Align remaining marked light print 2" squares with remaining corners of dark print square. Stitch, trim, and press as before to make center unit. The unit still should be 4" square including seam allowances.

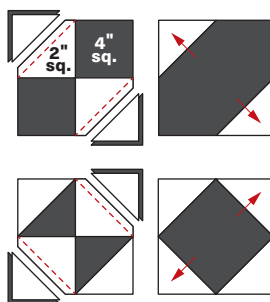


Diagram 1

3 Referring to **Diagram 2**, sew dark print 1¹/₄x4" strips to opposite edges of center unit. Join dark print 1¹/₄x5¹/₂" strips to remaining edges. The center unit now should be 5¹/₂" square including seam allowances.

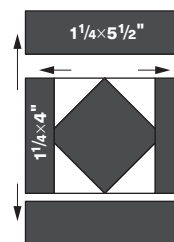


Diagram 2

4 Referring to Step 3 and **Diagram 3**, add light print 1¹/₄x5¹/₂" and 1¹/₄x7" strips, medium print 1¹/₄x7" and 1¹/₄x8¹/₂" strips, light print 1¹/₄x8¹/₂" and 1¹/₄x10" strips, and dark print 1¹/₄x10" and 1¹/₄x11¹/₂" strips to center unit to make a Courthouse Steps unit. Press each seam toward newly added rectangle. The unit should be 11¹/₂" square including seam allowances.

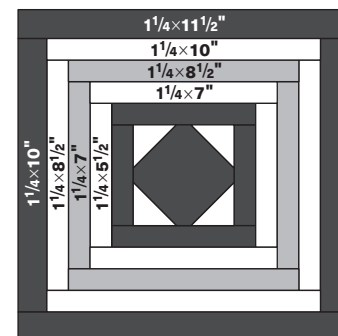


Diagram 3



5 Referring to **Diagram 4**, cut Courthouse Steps unit in half horizontally and vertically to make four quarter units. Each unit should be $5\frac{3}{4}$ " square including seam allowances.

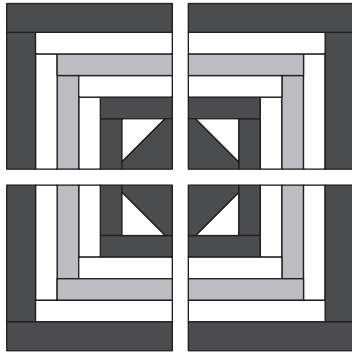


Diagram 4

6 Referring to **Diagram 5**, lay out quarter units, light print $2 \times 5\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangles, and dark print 2" square in rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make block. The block should be $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

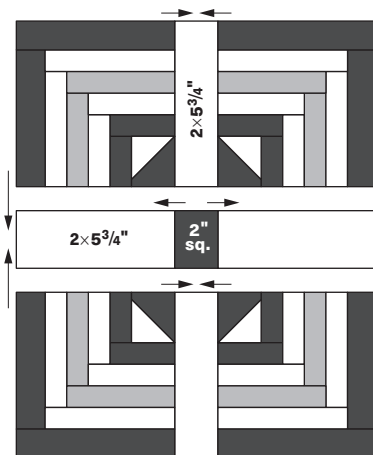
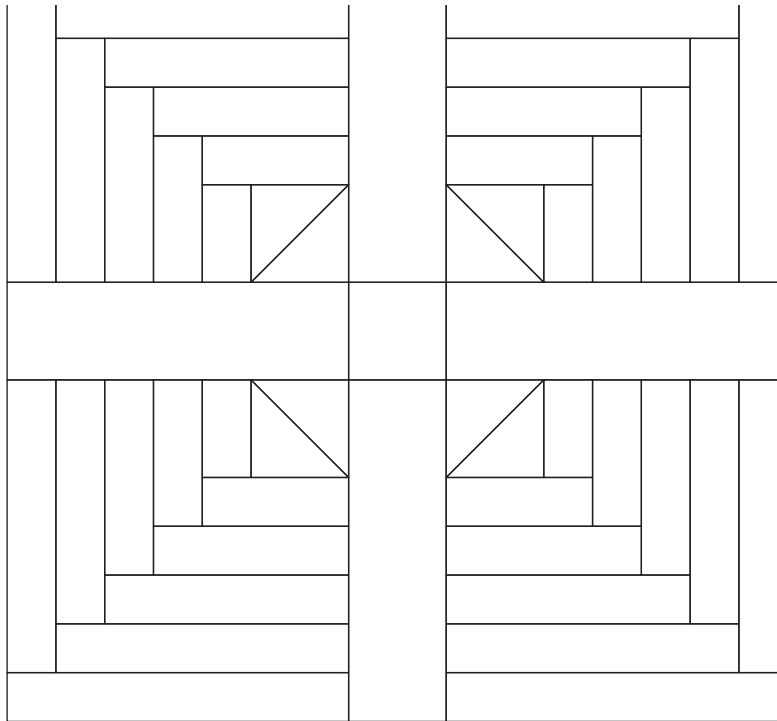
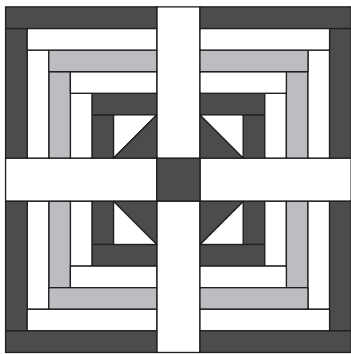


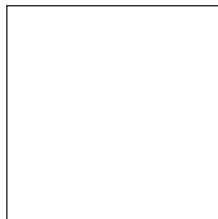
Diagram 5



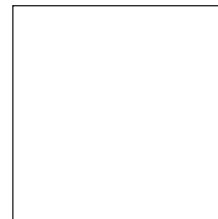
Coloring Diagram



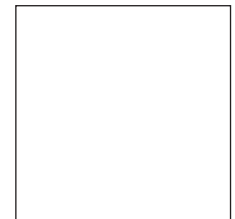
Use the Coloring Diagram, *top*, to plan your version of the original block, *above*. Audition fabric swatches using the squares, *right*.



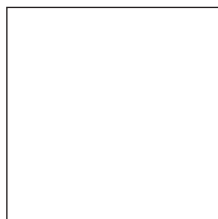
Swatch



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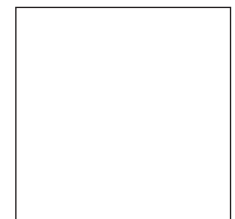
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