

DECEMBER ROW QUILT

COURTHOUSE STEPS

A traditional block meant to reflect our historic buildings as well as our American and Canadian friendships. Each block will measure 6 1/2" unfinished. Make 7 blocks. Stitched together, your row of 7 blocks will measure 42 1/2" x 6 1/2".

NOTE: Background fabric is not used in this row. This helps the entire row stand out instead of parts of it disappearing into the background. Directions and diagrams will only be marked D for Dark and L for Light (remember - don't use your background fabric in this block). You can use scrappy lights and scrappy darks.

CUT (these pieces make 7 blocks):

7 - 2 1/2" squares of any small print "patriotic" fabric, being sure to centre/fussy cut any emblems like flags, stars, maple leaves, etc. We might need to do a little swapping of squares so everyone has enough.

14 - 2 1/2 x 1 1/2" strips D
14 - 4 1/2 x 1 1/2" strips L
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14 - 6 1/2 x 1 1/2" strips L

SEW (chain piecing helps this go faster):

Sew a 2 1/2 x 1 1/2" D strip to the left and right sides of each 2 1/2" square; press seams outward. Measures 4 1/2 x 3 1/2" now.

Sew a 4 1/2 x 1 1/2" L strip to the top and bottom of each previous piece; press seams outward. Measures 4 1/2" square.

Sew a 4 1/2 x 1 1/2" D strip to the left and right; press seams outward. Measures 6 1/2 x 4 1/2" now.

Sew a 6 1/2 x 1 1/2" L strip to the top and bottom; press seams outward. Measures 6 1/2" square now.

Arrange blocks as you please in a row of 7 and sew the blocks together. Press joining seams as desired.