

CHRISTMAS BLOCK 2017

For our Christmas block this year, we are going to do a variation of the Courthouse Steps. The finished block should be a 10 1/2" square. All seams are 1/4." Please use Christmas colors and/or fabric for the steps and red for the middle square. Please note that you will be alternating fabrics C and D with each other and A and B with each other. I apologize for my sample not being more inventive, and I know that those of you who take part will come up with some wonderful variations. Have at it!

Please note that the fabric looks out of square due to camera angle. Also, I have tried to make the instructions clear, but if I have goofed up, please let me know at cinemabuff@sbcglobal.net.

1. You will need four colors and red material for the middle: you may use two 2 different darks of the same color as in the photo--two greens--or just two darks (A & B) and 2 different lights of the same color as in the photo--two creams with different designs--or just two different lights (C & D).
2. Cut one piece of the red fabric 2 1/2" x 2 1/2."



3. Cut a 1 1/2" strip the width of your fabric for each color.



4. For Fabric C, cut two 1 1/2" strips 2 1/2" long, and sew one strip to the top of the red square and one strip to the bottom of the red square.



5. For fabric A, cut two 1 ½" strips 4 1/2" long, and sew one strip to each side of the red and C fabric. See finished picture.
6. Next, for fabric D, cut two 1 ½" strips 4 ½" long, and sew one strip to the top and one strip to the bottom of the center fabric, A, & C. See finished picture.
7. For fabric B, cut two 1 ½" strips 6 ½" long, and sew one strip to each side of the center square, A, C, & D. See finished picture.
8. For next fabric C, cut two 1 ½" strips 6 ½" long, and sew one strip to the D strips at the top and bottom of the center square, A, C, and D. See finished picture.
9. For the next A fabric, cut two 1 ½" strips 8 ½" long, and sew one strip to the B strips on each side of the center square, A, C, D, and B. See finished picture.
10. For the next D fabric, cut two 1 ½" strips 8 ½" long, and sew one strip to the top and one strip to the bottom of the C strip on the square, A, C, D, and C. See finished picture.
11. For the next B fabric, cut two 1 1/2" by 10 ½" long, and sew one strip to the A strip on either side of the square, A, B, and A.



In order to have your name in the drawing, you must sew two (2) blocks. For two (2) more blocks, you can enter your name again. You may not enter your name again if you sew more than four (4) blocks, but feel free to do so if the spirit moves you!