

Courthouse Steps--February 2022 Block of the Month

February's block is a classic pattern known as courthouse steps, housetop, or log cabin. In order to make a 12.5" block from the 10" layer cake squares some piecing of the strips is required. I used a solid 10" square for "square B" to contrast with the Kaffe Fassett print square A.

Materials:

From the layer cake set:

- two 10" squares, contrasting but complimentary

From the background fabric:

- two 1.5" width of fabric strips of

Cutting instructions:

Square A:

- one 2.5"x2.5" square
- two 1.5"x6.5" strips
- four 1.5"x5.5" strips

Square B

- two 1.5"x4.5" strips
- two 1.5"x8.5" strips
- two 1.5"x10" strips
- one 6"x1.75" rectangle, cut into
 - four 1.5"x1.75" strips

Background Fabric

- two 1.5" x2.5" strips
- two 1.5"x4.5" strips
- two 1.5"x6.5" strips
- two 1.5"x8.5" strips
- two 1.5"x10.5" strips

Strip Assembly:

Block A:

- Join the 5.5" strips to make two 10.5" strips

Block B

- Sew a 1.75" strip to each end of the two 10" strips to make two 12.5" strips

Check the lengths of these strips and adjust as needed.

Block Assembly

- Sew a 2.5" background strip to either side of the Square A 2.5" square. Press seams to the square.
- Sew a 4.5" Square B strip to either long side of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 4.5" background strip to the "background strip" sides of the square you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 6.5" Square A strip to the long sides of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 6.5" background strip to the "background strip" sides of the square you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 8.5" Square B strip to the long sides of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.
The block should measure 8.5"x8.5" at this point. This is a good place to adjust if needed.
- Sew a 8.5" background strip to the "background strip" sides of the square you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 10.5" Square A strip to the long sides of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 10.5" background strip to the "background strip" sides of the square you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 12.5" Square B strip to the long sides of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.
The block should measure 12.5"x12.5" at this point. Trim to adjust if needed.

