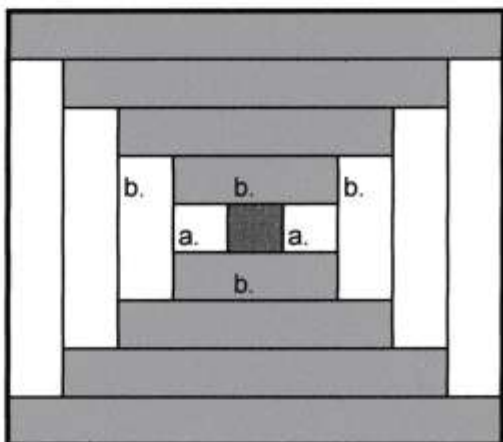


Quilters Guild of Plano
 Block of the Month - November, 2003
 by Sew-n-Sew's small group

Courthouse Steps

Look at the cover of *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*, April 2003 issue, for colorway inspiration.



This is a LOW CONTRAST block.

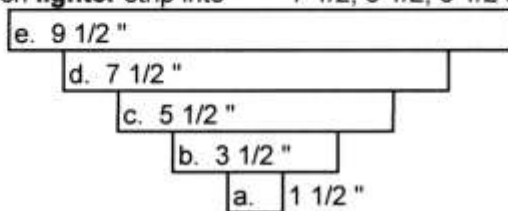
Block size: 9 1/2" unfinished (9" finished)

Materials: Requires a strip 27" x 1.5", four times
 Can be made from 2, 3 or 4 colors.

Color way: Greens, mustard, black

Instructions: Black 1 1/2" center is given, or use any black on black.

1. Cut 4 strips (2,3 or 4 colors) 27 inches by 1 1/2 inches.
2. Cut each **darker** strip into 9 1/2, 7 1/2, 5 1/2, and 3 1/2 inch segments (b. through e.).
 Cut each **lighter** strip into 7 1/2, 5 1/2, 3 1/2 and 1 1/2 inch segments (a. through d.).



3. Lay out pieces as shown in top sketch, working from **black center** outwards. Add segments by sewing on the 2 opposite sides. Use 1/4" seam allowance. Press all seams toward the outside of the block.
 - a. A **black** 1 1/2" square is provided; use this for the center, and add a 1 1/2" **light** to both sides.
 - b. Add a 3 1/2" **dark** to top and bottom; then a 3 1/2" **light** to both sides.
 - c. Add a 5 1/2" **dark** to top and bottom; then a 5 1/2" **light** to both sides.
 - d., e. Continue to add alternating colors to top/bottom and sides until block measures 9 1/2 inch square (ending with dark 'e').

