

March Row of the Month

This month, you will be making "courthouse steps" blocks. These will be set together with the blocks you make in April to make a row.

Each block will be $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square, to make a finished block size of 6".

You will need a center fabric, two light fabrics, and two dark fabrics.

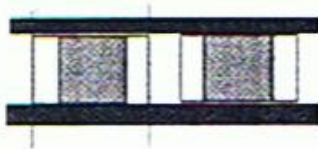
Cut a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip from the center fabric, and a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strip from each of the two light and two dark fabrics.

Sew the center strip between two light fabrics. Press the seams away from the center.



Cut this strip into $2\frac{1}{2}$ " sections.

Sew a dark strip onto each of the opposite sides of the center square.



Trim each piece to make a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Continue in this way, sew two light strips onto the opposite sides, and finish with two dark strips.



Your finished block should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

If you would like to cut each piece individually, rather than strip piecing, the measurements are:

Center Square: $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Row one: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Rows two and three: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

Row four: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ "

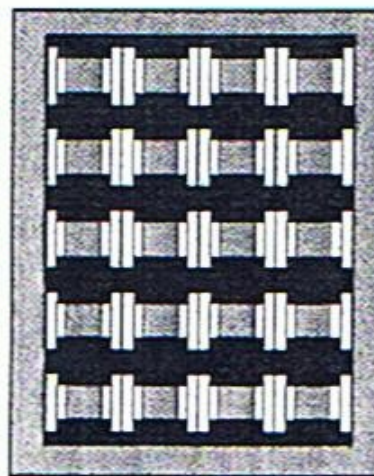
Baby quilt with borders: make 3 blocks.

Baby quilt without borders: make 4 blocks.

Youth quilt with borders: make 4 blocks.

Twin quilt with borders: make 5 blocks.

Want to make a baby quilt using just this block? Add a third round of strips to your blocks and make 20 blocks. Add 6" borders. Your quilt will measure approx. 42 x 51 inches.



For a different look, make each round one color to make squares.

