



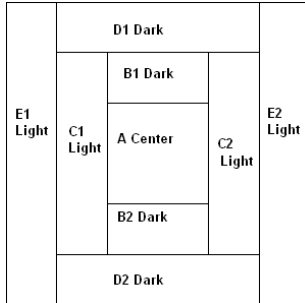
Cabin Fever Quilts & LaRue's Country Quilts

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Hotpad Blocks #4 Courthouse Steps



8.5" unfinished

General Piecing Rules For This Block Style:

- Sew and press seams away from the center.
- Sew scant 1/4" seam allowances, do not open seams.
- Place first color or strip on machine face up.
- Pre-cut strips
- Use CH + method, sew top, bottom, left and right.

Fabric Requirements

- A. Center: 3 1/8" square = 3 1/8"
B. 1st Light: B1 & B2 = 1 7/8" x 3 1/8" = 1 7/8" x 8" strip
C. 1st Dark: C1 & C2 = 1 7/8" x 5 7/8" = 13" strip
D. 2nd Light: D1 & D2 = 1 7/8" x 5 7/8" = 13" strip
E. 2nd Dark: E1 & E2 = 1 7/8" x 8.5" = 18" strip

Quilt Block Outside Border to make a 10" square: 1.5" x 42"

Additional Hotpad Requirements: 1 fat 16th back fabric & 8.5" square batting.

Block Assembly:

1. Place first light B1 strip face up in front of presser foot. Lay the center (ctr) face down (rotate center in the direction desired) on strip, trim and sew.
2. Place rest of B1 strip face up on machine and pick up last piece sewn and rotate to opposite side. Place it face down with top center edge away from you and B1 edge closest to you, sew and trim.
3. Continue assembly as above sewing in order, top, bottom, then left and right. C1, C2, D1, D2, E1 & E2 assembling block as shown in diagram.
4. Press and square up block to 8.5"
5. Sew outside border on all four sides. Using either LC, 4 around center method (sew in clockwise order around center, 1,2,3, 4). Or CH Plus Order Method (top, bottom, then left and right sides).

METHODS

CHS, Plus Order "+" = 2 opposite pieces are sewn in consecutive order. Sew 2 pieces equal size to top and bottom of block, then sew 2 larger equal size pieces to left and right sides of block.. Sewing top, bottom, then left and right or vice versa. This is used in most Courthouse Steps Blocks.

Sandwich, Pre-binding Hotpads. = Layer 100% Cotton W&N Batting square on bottom. Place back fabric face up onto batting, then place pieced block face down on top of back. Pin if needed and stitch around all four sides leaving a 2"-3" turning opening. Trim corners and turn right sides out. Then blind hem opening closed.