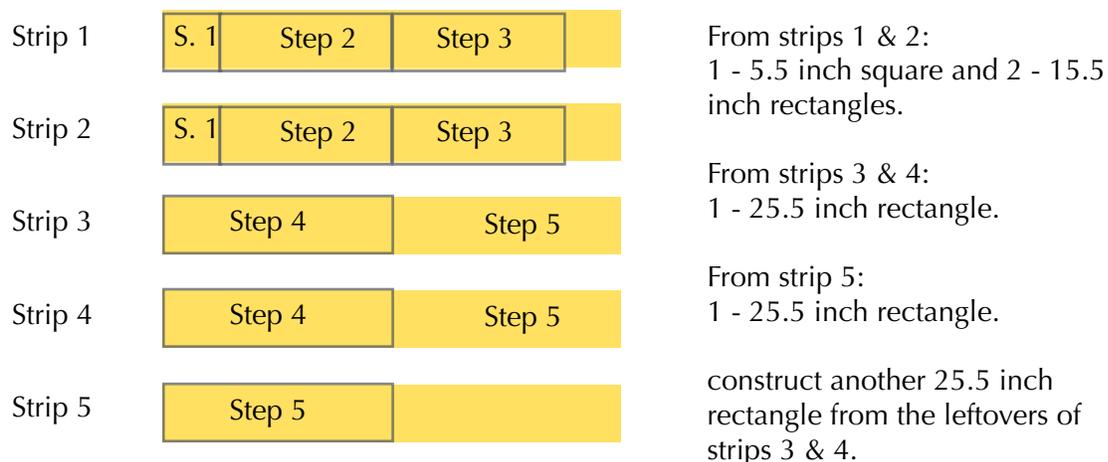


BAM Charity Sew Day June 4, 2016

Courthouse Steps Bed-sized quilts, Quilt-as-you-go version. From strips to finished quilts in a day! Directions written by Michelle Boyd.

Each sewer will receive a set of five wof strips that are 5.5 inches wide, a red square for the center of the block, and a piece of batting spray basted to the backing. Here is a diagram of the five strips and how you will use them to make your block:

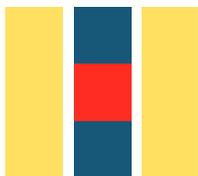


Step 1:



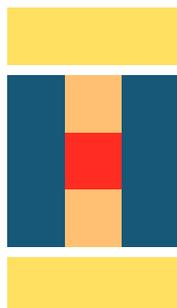
Place the red center square on the spot marked "Red" on the batting. The position for the first two squares from your strips is also marked on the batting. They will end up above and below the red center square. Place one square from your strip set right side down on top of the red square and sew through all layers. Pull the thread end through to the top. Then do the same with the other square. Pass this set on to the next person. Receive a new set from someone else. We want to alternate dark and light fabrics. If you have dark fabric, make sure you pass to and receive from someone with light fabric, and vice versa.

Step 2:

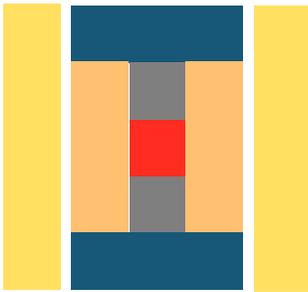


Make sure the pieces already on the block are nice and flat. The 15.5 inch pieces will go to the right and the left of the block you received. Place one, sew through all layers, pulling the threads through to the top. Repeat with the other piece. Pass the new block on to the same person you passed to last time.

Step 3:



Make sure the pieces already on the block are nice and flat. The 15.5 inch pieces will go on the top and bottom of the block you received. Place one, sew through all layers, pulling the threads through to the top. Repeat with the other piece. Pass the new block on to the same person you passed to last time.

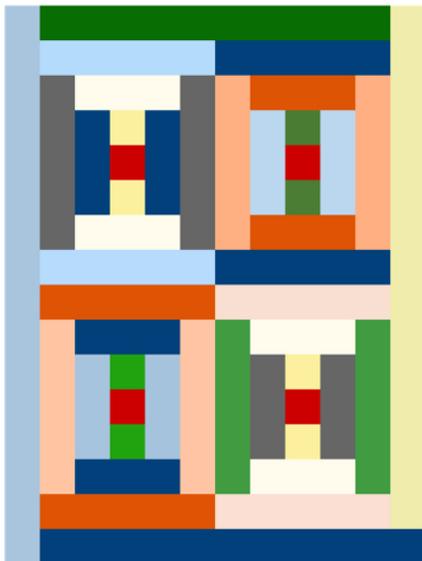
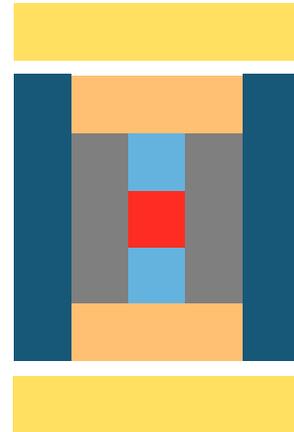


Step 4:

Make sure the pieces already on the block are nice and flat. The 25.5 inch pieces will go on the right and left sides of the block you received. Place one, sew through all layers, pulling the threads through to the top. Repeat with the other piece. Pass the new block on to the same person you passed to last time.

Step 5:

Now is the time to construct a 25.5 inch piece from the leftover ends from strips 3 & 4. These 25.5 inch pieces will go on the top and bottom of the block you received. Place one, sew through all layers, pulling the threads through to the top. Repeat with the other piece.



The blocks are done! The quilting is done! We just have to put these babies together.

It takes four blocks (labeled A, B, C, and D) and 8 extra strips (4 pairs) to make a quilt top. The extra strips will go around the outside (this is why there is so much space on two sides of your block) to bring the finished size to approximately 60 X 80.

I have not done this in a while, so speak up if you know of a better way.

Sew Block A to block B on the sides with the least space. Trim one of the blocks so it just has the 1/4 " seam allowance, use that as your guide when sewing the blocks together. Right sides together, sew through all layers. Trim the batting back as much as you can. Use the seam allowance on the untrimmed block to cover the seam. Fold it so there is a finished edge and sew it down either by hand or on the machine.

Do the same for blocks C & D.

In the same way, sew the AB set to the CD set.

Now for the extra strips. Sew the strips together in pairs, so you have one long strip from the same fabric. Sew these strips to the sides first and then the top and bottom. Sewing through all layers.

Bind it and it's done! Congratulations! Thank you for all your hard work today!