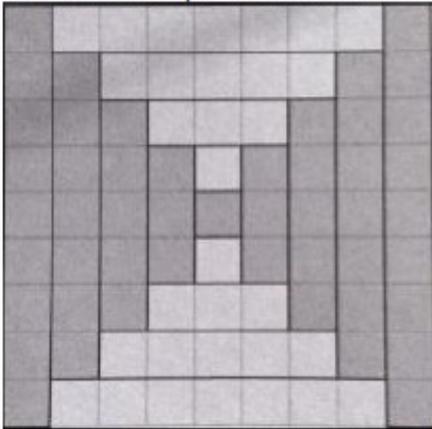


August 2018
Coastal Quilters Guild
Block of the Month

COURTHOUSE STEPS (From 2007 'Santa Barbara Connection')

9.5" unfinished, 9" finished block



The directions here are for a traditionally pieced block, but it can also be paper pieced.

Fabric:

Chose a medium value of terra cotta, coral or rust and an off-white or beige.

Cut strips 1.5" wide, selvage to selvage or use scraps.

You need a total of:

- 54" x 1-½" strip of the terra cotta/coral/rust fabric.
- 36" x 1 ½" strip of the light fabric.

Cut strips into the following lengths:

- 9.5" – 2 terra cotta
- 7.5" – 2 terra cotta; 2 light
- 5.5" – 2 terra cotta; 2 light
- 3.5" – 2 terra cotta; 2 light
- 1.5" square – 1 terra cotta; 2 light

Construction:

Alternate the bands of color on each side of this block as you construct the steps. As with all good construction, make sure your seams are straight and use a consistent 1/4" seam allowance; each piece is square with the section you have already sewn; and the head and tail of each new piece match up with the section you are adding it to.

- Start with the terra cotta square in the center.
- Sew a light square to opposite sides of the terra cotta square.
- As you add pieces, press the seams toward the outside of the block.
- Sew a 3.5" terra cotta strip to each side of the center, pieced section.
- Add a light 3.5" strip to each side of the pieced section.
- Continue to add terra cotta and light strips, alternately, to each side of the sewn section.
- The last two strips added are the 9.5" terra cotta fabric.

Questions? Call Nancy Butterfield at (805) 455-3033

Refreshments

It's a picnic in July... see the first page for details!

Newsletter Deadline

is the Sunday after the Board Meeting to: cqgeditor@gmail.com

Reminder

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