

Block of the Month – July 2021 – Up the Stairs!

A traditional log cabin block has individual strips that get progressively longer, sewn around a center. This “Courthouse Steps” block (as it is sometimes known) has pairs of strips sewn to two opposite sides of the center. Then another pair, which are longer strips, are sewn to the other two sides.

By playing with color, you can create an optical illusion of going up stairs.

On the sample, I fussy-cut a star for the center. The easiest way to do this is to make a small cardboard frame, adding 1” around to the finished size of the center. Then draw lines on the frame, showing the actual size of the finished center, and cut out the center along those drawn lines. This cut out will show you exactly how your fussy-cut object will appear in the center. And you could use the outside of this frame to cut out the A-1 center piece.

Below are *suggested* lengths of strips for each numbered piece. All strips should be cut 1-1/2” wide.

A-1 2” x 2”

A2 & A3 - 2” long

A4 & A5 - 3” long

A6 & A7 - 3” long

A8 & A9 - 4”long

A10 & A11 - 4” long

A12 & A13 - 5” long

A14 & A15 - 5” long

A16 & A17 - 6” long

A18 & A19 - 6” long

A20 & A21 - 7” long

A22 & A23 - 7” long

A24 & A25 - 8-1/2” long



Have fun, and let me know if you have any corrections, suggestions, or questions. And send those finished block pictures to Jennifer, our CQA webmaster, so you can be entered into the final drawing!

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