



## DECEMBER 2007 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### *Courthouse Steps*

Turn in at January meeting

**Techniques:** *Simple piecing; you deserve it after last month's block!*

**Block size:** 10-1/2 inch unfinished, 1/4 inch seam

**Colors:**

- *Holiday fabrics – whatever that means to you*
- *Two color families, one light, one dark, 3 fabrics in each family, shaded from light to dark, plus a contrasting center square. (Examples: Could be two different colors, such as reds and greens around a gold center; or two groups of fabrics in the same colorway, such as dark blues and light blues around a cream center.)*

**Cutting:**

- If using the strip piecing method, cut strips at 1-3/4 inches, except for the center patch, which is a 3-inch square
- If cutting the traditional method:
  - Cut 1 center square, 3 x 3 inches
  - Cut 2 strips of light #1, 1-3/4 x 3 inches
  - Cut 2 strips of light #2 and 2 strips dark #1, 1-3/4 x 5-1/2 inches
  - Cut 2 strips of light #3 and 2 strips dark #2, 1-3/4 x 8 inches
  - Cut 2 strips of dark #3, 1-3/4 x 10-1/2 inches

**Construction**

- ***Always press away from the center.***
- Add light #1 to top and bottom of the center square.
- Add dark #1 to sides of the block.
- Add light #2 to top and bottom of the block.
- Add dark #2 to sides of the block.
- Add light #3 to top and bottom of the block.
- Add dark #3 to sides of block.
- You're done!!!