March Block of the Month

The March block of the month is "Courthouse Steps". The finished block measures 10 inches square (unfinished size 10 ½" square). Select three fabrics: a red, a white and a navy blue. These may be assembled in any order with any of the colors as the center, inner round, or outer round.

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CUTTING:

Outer Round Fabric – Two 2 ½" by 10 ½" rectangles Two 2 ½" by 6 ½" rectangles

Inner Round Fabric – Two 2 ½" by 6 ½" rectangles
Two 2 ½" squares

Center Fabric - One 2 1/2" square

Step 1: With right sides together and using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the center square to each of the inner-round squares.

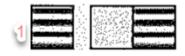
Step 2: Next, sew the two long inner-round rectangles to the strip created in step 1. Match up the long edges of the rectangles to the long edges of the strip. This will form the inner square.

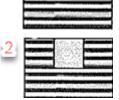
Step 3: Sew the two shorter outer-round rectangle pieces to either side of the center square, matching up the long edges of the rectangles to the sides of the square.

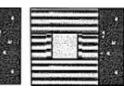
Step 4: Finally, sew the two remaining long outer-round rectangles to the top and bottom of the piece created in step 3 to finish assembling this block.

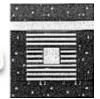
P.S.: There's still time for you to whip up one or more blocks for **February** between now and our February 13th meeting. Check out the directions in the January issue of "Around the Block" on our website.











Too much fabric is like too much chocolate - an impossibility.