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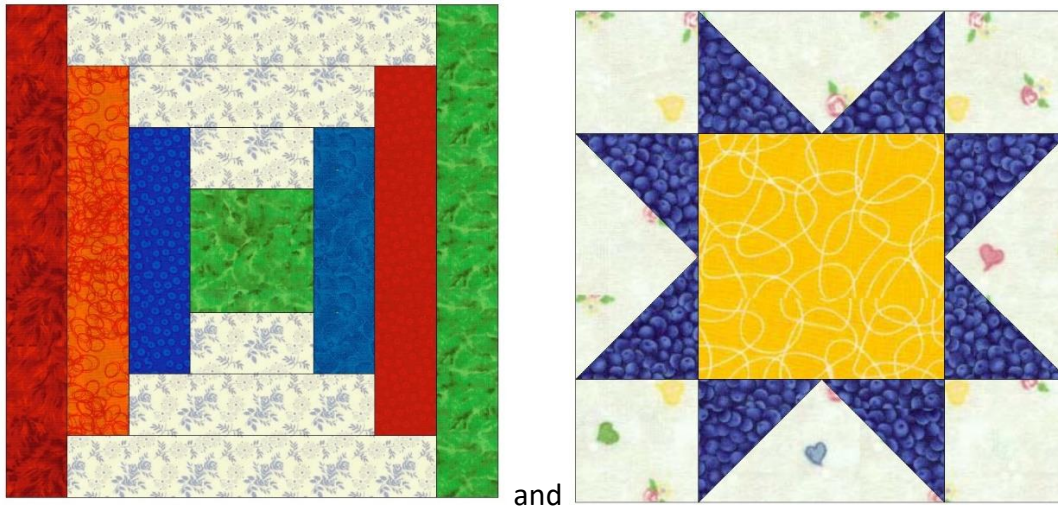
To make the quilt top pictured:



You need:

- 7-1/8 yards of low volume or lights for background
- 4-7/8 yards of brights
- 1/2-3/4 yards of fabric for the binding.

Note: This quilt is made up 2 blocks which measure 12 ½" x 12 ½" before being sewn into the quilt:



and

Cut:

For main blocks: - for each block you need these pieces: My quilt consisted of 25 courthouse steps block and 24 Star blocks.

For Courthouse steps block: (total for entire quilt shown in parenthesis)

From brights:

- 1 - 3½" square (25)
- 2 – 2"x6½" rectangles (50)
- 2 – 2"x9½" rectangles (50)
- 2 – 2"x12½" rectangles (50)

From low volume/lights:

- 2 – 2"x3½" rectangles (50)
- 2 – 2"x6½" rectangles (50)
- 2 – 2"x9½" rectangles (50)

For Star block: (total for entire quilt shown in parenthesis)

From brights:

- 8- 3½"x 3½" squares for star points (192)
- 1 – 6 ½" square for center of star (24)

From low volume/lights:

- 4 – 3½"x3½" squares for star points (96)
- 4 – 3½"x6½" for background (96)

For sashing:

From low volume/light for entire quilt:

- 112 - 2"x 12½"

For cornerstones:

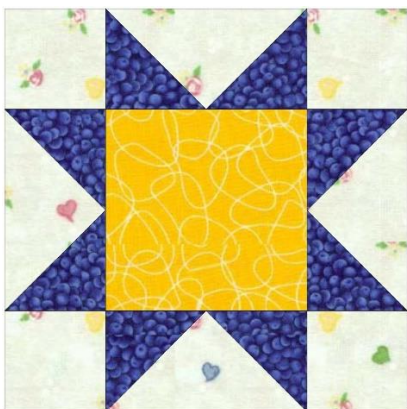
From brights for entire quilt:

- 64 -2"x 2" squares

Borders will be dealt with later.

How to make the blocks:

Star block:



1. Make the star points: (showing with red – the rest of the block will show blue)

To each low volume $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, "snowball" both ends with a dark $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square so that the piece now looks like this: You will 4 of these units for each block.



Explanation:

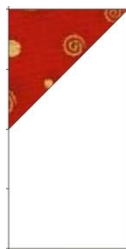
- To do this: take a low volume $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle and place a dark $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square piece on it so it looks like this (right sides together): Sew across on the dotted line.



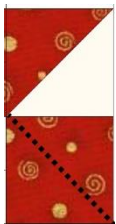
- Trim on smaller dotted line about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the sew line to the outside.



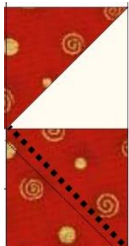
- Press dark towards the outside and one side is done!



- Repeat for other end: place dark 3½" square over the low volume end and sew across the dotted line:



- Trim on the smaller dotted line, or about ¼" to the outside of the previously stitched line.



- Press the dark to the outside. It now looks like this:



- Take bright 6½" square and add a star points unit to each side:



- Make 2 strips consisting of a 3½" low volume square, a set of points as shown above and another 3½" low volume square like this:



- Attach one to the top of the previously made section and one to the bottom like this:



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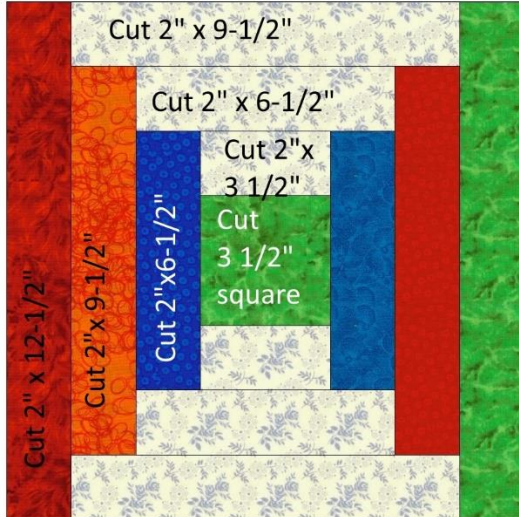


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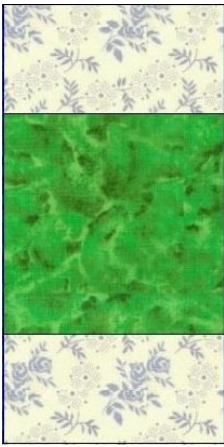


Make 24 of these varying the colors of the star points – keeping all in one block the same. I used a consistent low volume print, but you could certainly vary that as well. These finish at 12½" x 12½".

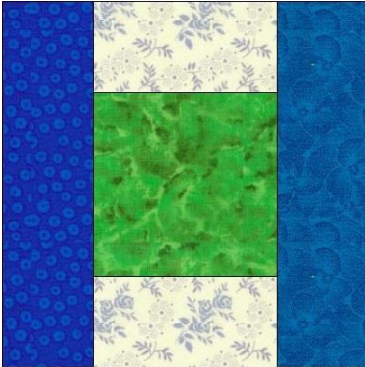
Courthouse Steps Block:



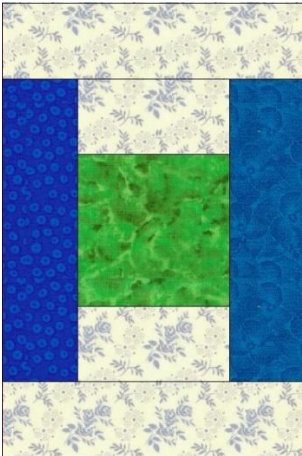
Step 1: Start in the center with your middle 3½" square and add the two light (shown as cream) 2" x 3½" rectangles to the top and bottom.



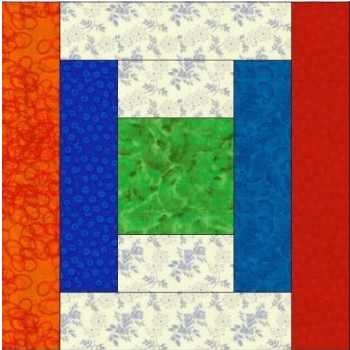
Step 2: Add your bright 2"x 6½" rectangles to the sides.



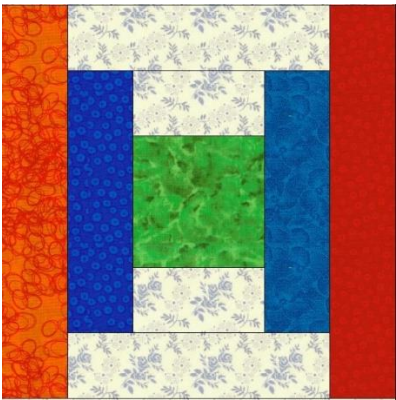
Step 3: Add light 2"x 6½" rectangles to the top and bottom



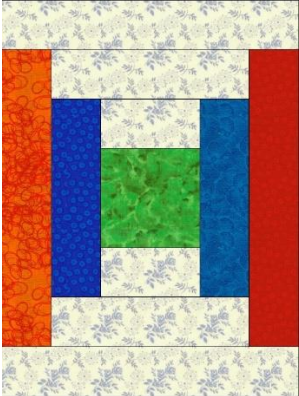
Step 4: Add your bright 2"x 9½" rectangles to the sides.



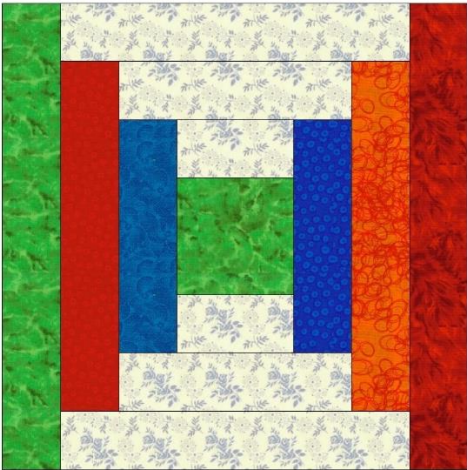
Step 5: Add your light 2"x 9½" rectangles to the top and bottom



Step 6. Add 2"x9 1/2" lights to the top and bottom:



Step 7: Add your 2"x12 1/2" brights to the sides



Finished block should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".

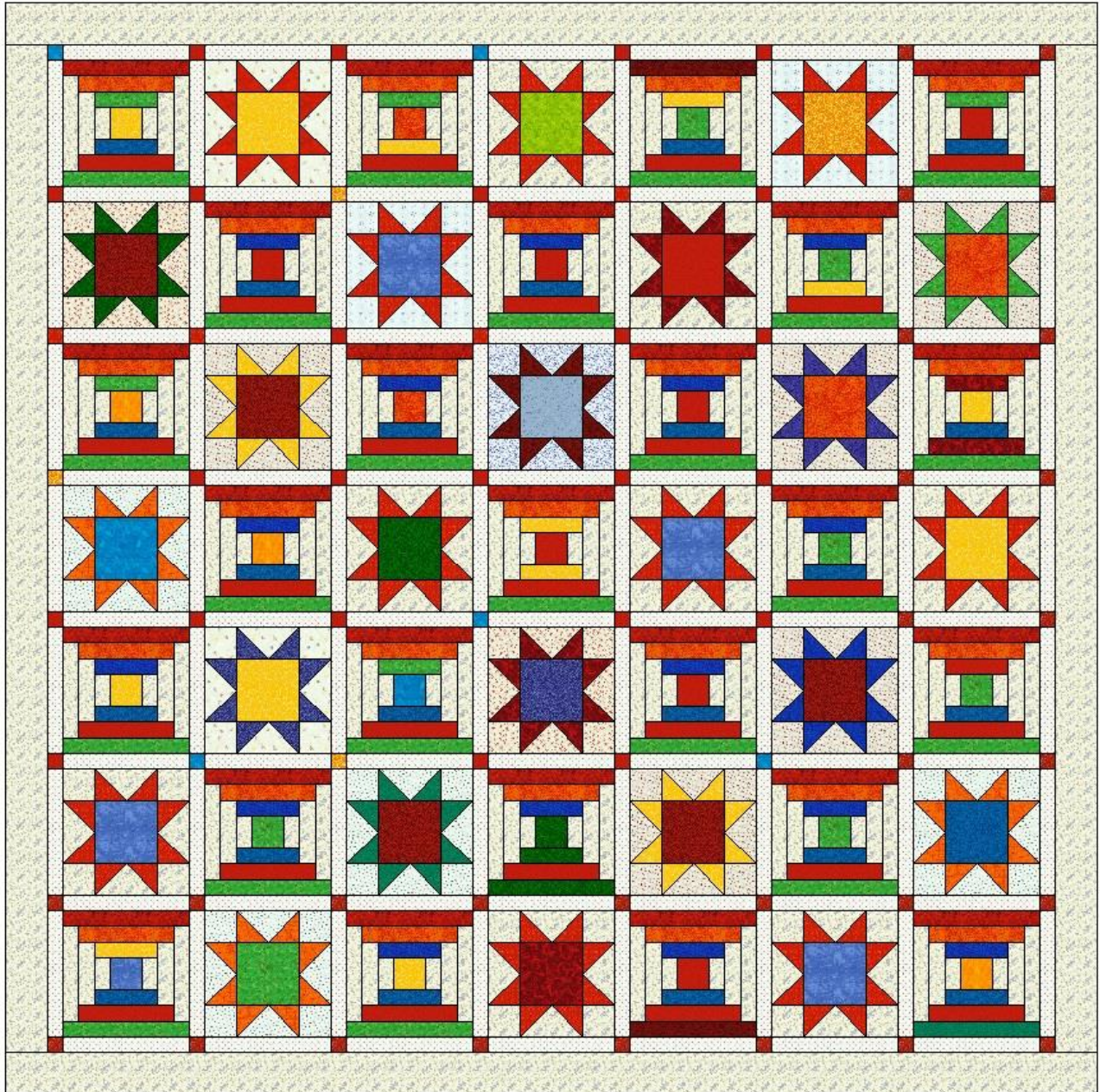
Make 25.

How to put together this quilt:

1. **Construct your blocks.**
2. **Get your blocks, sashing strips, and cornerstones ready to lay out as follows.**

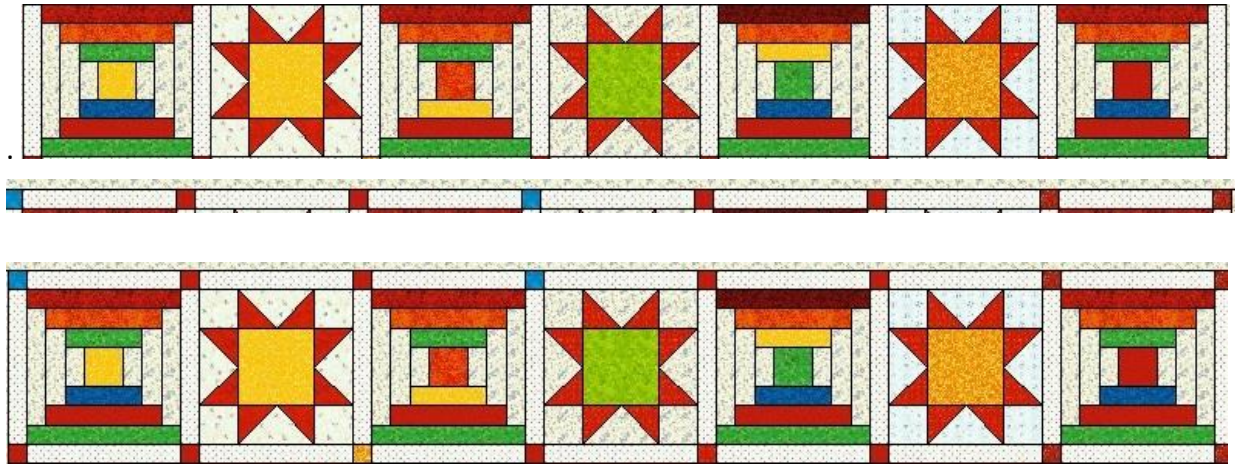
The layout of the quilt looks like this:

Use the diagram to place your blocks. Ignore the borders for the moment.



3. **Sew together in rows.** Attach the sashing and cornerstones as shown in the diagram. I attached a row of sashing/cornerstone/sashing/cornerstone, etc. to the bottom of each row of stars. There is also a row of sashing/cornerstones/sashing on the top above the first row of stars.

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Repeat until the center of the top is finished.

4. **Borders:**

From low volume fabric:

Cut $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $96\frac{1}{2}$ " - piecing as necessary to get the length needed. Attach to the sides.

Cut $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $104\frac{1}{2}$ " - piecing as necessary to get the length needed. Attach to the top first, then to the bottom.

5. **Press well.**
6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
7. **Quilt** as desired.
8. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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*WOF = Width of fabric