

Autumn Majesty

About 90"x101"

To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- Dark brown fabrics – 3 yards for the accent blocks
- Creams/lights – 3 ¼ for the courthouse steps blocks
- Cream – all the same or quite similar for the setting triangles – 2 ¼ yards
- Dark browns, reds, oranges – 3 ¼ for the courthouse steps blocks
- Medium brown – 2 1/8 yards for the background of the darker stars
- Tan – 2 1/8 for the background of the lighter stars
- Scraps of various autumn tones – 1 ½ yards for the centers of the stars – will be cut into 2.5" squares.
- Scraps of various autumn tones in either light or dark that contrasts with the backgrounds of the stars – 1 ½ yard total – will be cut into 2.5" squares for "snowballing" corners
- 3/4 yard of your favorite color for binding.

This quilt is made up of 3 – 8" finished-in-the-quilt blocks and they look like this:



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Cut: *Because I was using my scraps and upcycled pieces I did not cut everything all at once – I cut in increments – did some and then went back and cut some more of whatever I needed.*

For block 1: (finishes at 8.5" at this point – before sewn into the top) Make 56.



I strip pieced wherever I could and occasionally had to sew single little brown squares to the edges of a colored piece. I did tend to use single piecing for the darker colors and strip pieced the cream pieces first sewing a 1.5" strip of brown to a strip of cream and then sub cutting at the right measurements to make one unit.

Because it is scraps, however, let's just use individual pieces:



So for each block:

From lights:

- 2 – 1.5" x 2.5" strips
- 2 – 1.5" x 4.5" strips
- 2 – 1.5" x 6.5 strips

From darks

- 2 – 1.5" x 2.5" strips
- 2 – 1.5" x 4.5" strips
- 2 – 1.5" x 6.5 strips

From very dark brown:

- 1 – 2.5" square
- 12 – 1.5" squares

For block 2: (finishes at 8.5" square before being sewn into the top) Make 36.



For each block:

From the tan background:

- 4 – 2.5" squares for corners
- 4 – 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles for base of flying geese

From darker autumn colors :

- 8 – 2.5" squares that are darker than the tan background so as to show up for the star points

From various autumn colors – doesn't matter light or dark:

- 4 – 2.5" squares in autumn colors for the middle four patch

For block 3: (finishes at 8.5" square before being sewn into the top) Make 36.



For each block:

From the medium brown background:

- 4 – 2.5" squares for corners
- 4 – 2.5"x4.5" rectangles for base of flying geese

From lighter/brighter autumn colors :

- 8 – 2.5" squares that are lighter/brighter than the brown background so as to show up for the star points

From various autumn colors – doesn't matter light or dark:

- 4 – 2.5" squares in autumn colors for the middle four patch

For side setting triangles:

From cream:

- Cut 8 squares 12 5/8" and then cut twice on the diagonal to make 32 side setting triangles. (You will use 30 of them.)



For corner setting triangles:

From cream –

- Cut 2 squares 6 5/8" and cut once on the diagonal.



Construct Blocks:

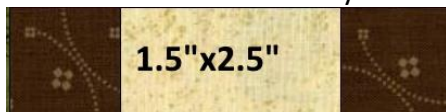
For Block 1: Courthouse steps block



Before I started each block, I would make sure I had a variety of colors of strips in each size. I also had units of the cream with the dark brown already pieced like this:

1. For each block make 2 units each:

The dark browns are always 1.5" square. I just marked the size of the cream piece:



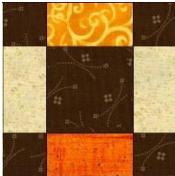


I always start with the center of this kind of block:

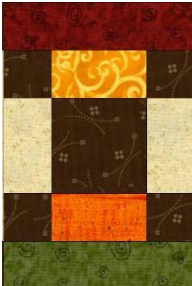
2. Add a 1.5"x 2.5" colorful strip to each side of the dark brown center like this: (it will be top and bottom in the pictures)



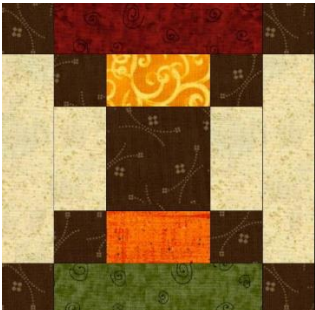
3. Add the first cream/brown strip (cream is 1.5"x2.5") to each side:



4. Add a colorful strip 1.5"x4.5" to top and bottom:



5. Add the next cream/brown piece to each side (cream is 1.5"x 4.5")



6. Add a colorful 1.5"x6.5" strip to the top and bottom:



7. Add the last cream/brown strip to the sides: Cream piece is 1.5"x6.5"



Finished block is now 8.5" – it will finish "in the quilt" at 8".
Make 72.

For Block 2: Star block with tan background:



For each block you need a set of star points which is a 2.5"x4.5" rectangle that has snowballed corners.

How to snowball a block like this: I took a different set of diagrams from a different pattern – please forgive me if this confuses you!

To do this:

Take your 2.5"x 4.5" tan – shown as red- background piece and on one end lay a 2.5" contrasting square (that will stand out) on top of the background. You may draw a diagonal line or iron a crease diagonally across the middle for a place to sew – or you can just 'eyeball it'. Line up the 2.5" colorful square on top of the rectangle RIGHT sides together



= 2.5" square that will become the star point. Need to be a contrasting color to the background so that it will show up!



Sew on diagonal line:

Sew on dotted line



Trim.

Trim on white line
which is 1/4" to the
outside of where you
sewed



Press back.



Repeat for other corner.

**Repeat for other
side, first sewing
and then trimming**

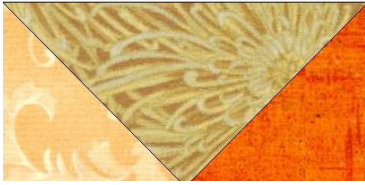


Then press the last piece "out". You now have star points!



It will measure 2.5"x 4.5"!

Make 4 for each star block. With this first block use TAN as the background and brights/darks/contrasting as the star points! Like this:



Make 4 for each block!

Make center 4 patch:

Using your various colored 2.5" squares of autumn colored fabrics, make a four patch:



These are the centers of the stars and as such will be completely surrounded by star points so the lightness/darkness is irrelevant!

You need one of these four patches for each of the star blocks for a total of 72 four patches!

Now, make your stars: (this is the FUN part!)

Use your 2.5" tan squares for the corners, 4 of your star points you just made and a 4 patch made from 2.5" squares to get this: (I always work from the center out – it is just how my brain works)

1. Add a set of star points to each side of the four patch:



2. Make a strip of the corner block, the star points and another corner block like this: Make 2.



Now you can put your star block together:



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Make 36! I made mine all different!

For Block 3: Star block with brown background



Follow the steps for making the star points and center 4 patch to make this block only using brown as the background instead of tan and use a lighter star point so that it shows up!
(See my quilt top for an example.)



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Make 36.

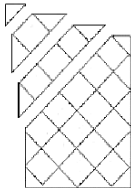
How to make this quilt:

1. Lay out completed blocks according to diagram.



2. Sew together in rows:

This one is on point, which means that you sew the rows together along the diagonal.



I put pictures of how I did it at the end of the pattern.

Use your cream side setting triangles as that last piece shown as a simple cream triangle.

I usually add the corner setting triangles last.

3. **Connect rows.** Follow the pattern layout placement. I did one row at a time and kept checking for mistakes in placement!
4. **Press well.**

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

Congratulations!
Your quilt is finished!
Enjoy!

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I put the rows together and then brought them down to the floor to check that the lights and dark were in the right place:



Then I began to sew the rows together that I had made:





