Autumn Impressions
90” x 106”

To make the quilt pictured:

You need:

- Dark brown fabrics – 2 1/4 yards for the accent pieces in the courthouse steps block
- Creams/lights – 5 3/4 for the lights including the inner narrow border
- Medium green - 2 3/4 yards for big 8” border
- Scraps of various dark-ish autumn tones – with very little to no white or cream in the design – 5 7/8 yards
- 3/4 yard of your favorite color for binding.

This quilt is made up of 3 – 8” finished-in-the-quilt blocks (8.5” as unfinished blocks) and they look like this:
**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 50.

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 24.

For each block:
From the tan background:
- 8 – 2.5” squares

From darker autumn colors and tan/cream:
- 8 – make 2.5” half square triangles in groups of 2 – such as shown on the picture. Use your favorite method. I use paper to sew on such as this one from quilting and whatnot.ca

**For block 3:** (finishes at 8.5” square before being sewn into the top) Make 25.

For each block: (total needed for entire quilt as shown – 400 squares or 100 strip sets of 4, 2.5” blocks sewn together)
- Cut 16 - 2.5” squares from dark-ish autumn colors. You can strip piece as well. I did some of each.

**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:

   ![Diagram of block components]

   1.5”x2.5”
   1.5”x4.5”

   1.5”x 6.5”

   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)

   ![Diagram of block after adding first strip]

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

   ![Diagram of block after adding second strip]

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

   ![Diagram of block after adding third strip]

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

   ![Diagram of block after adding fourth strip]

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 50.

**For Block 2: A pinwheel variation block**

This block will be made as 4 – 4 patches put together.

Using your previously made HST units that look like this, and measure 2.5”, make a 4 patch like this:

Make 4 that look like this but with different colors.
Put them together:
More pictures how I did this block at the end of the pattern. Make 24.

**For Block 3: 16 patch**

Using either strip piecing or simply sew squares together, make a strip of 4 by sewing 2.5” squares together.

Make 25.
How to make this quilt:

1. Lay out completed blocks according to diagram.

2. Ignore the borders for now and sew together the rows like this: 5 like the first row shown and 6 like the second one shown.
3. **Connect rows.** Follow the pattern layout placement. Sew the rows together.

4. Press well.

5. **Add borders:**
   
   A. **First border:** cream
      
      Cut 2 strips (piece as needed) – 1.5”x88.5”. Attach to sides.
      
      Cut 2 strips (piece as needed) – 1.5” x 74.5”. Attach to top and bottom.
   
   B. **Second border:** medium sage green
      
      Cut strips (piece as needed) – 8.5”x 90.5”. Attach to sides.
      
      Cut strips (piece as needed) – 8.5” x 90.5”. Attach to sides.

6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.

7. **Quilt** as desired.


   **Congratulations!**
   
   Your quilt is finished!

   Enjoy!

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How I made the pinwheel variation - block 2:
I use a pin to hold the centers in place when sewing:
Sew from the side you can see the best from:

As much as possible, sew from the side that you can see the points so you won't cut them off

I ended up just sewing different groups together and then matching them up – trying to make sure to have 4 different colors on the pinwheel: