# **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 5¼ for the lights including the inner narrow border
- Medium green 2 ¾ 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:







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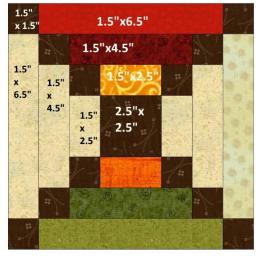
**Cut:** Because I was using my scraps and upcycled pieces I did not cut everything all at once – I cut in increments – did some and then went back and cut some more of whatever I needed.

For block 1: (finishes at 8.5" at this point – before sewn into the top) Make 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 a1.5" 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" x6.5 strips

From darks

- 2 1.5"x 2.5" strips
- 2 1.5"x 4.5" strips
- 2 1.5" x6.5 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 <a href="http://quiltingandwhatnot.ca/pdf">http://quiltingandwhatnot.ca/pdf</a> files/twoinfinhst.pdf

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:**

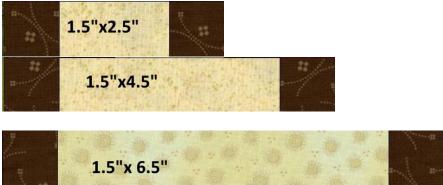
For Block 1: Courthouse steps block



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:



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 50.

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

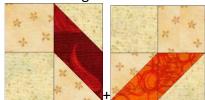


This block will be made as 4 - 4 patches put together.

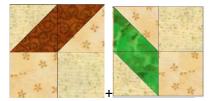
Using your previously made HST units that look like this and measure 2.5", make a 4 patch like this:



Make 4 that look like this but with different colors. Put them together:



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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.

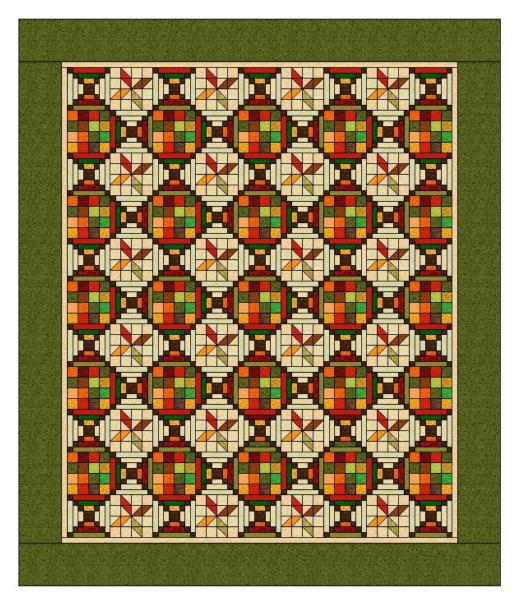




Make 25.

# **How to make this quilt:**

1. Lay out completed blocks according to diagram.



2. Ignore the bordes 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.

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- **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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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:





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:





