

Block of The Month 2023: Block #9

Here is our next log cabin variation -- called courthouse Steps. The 2023 focus fabric is from Hoffman and is called Paint Impressions. In addition to the focus fabric, you will need a white fabric and three additional coordinating fabrics based on the colors in the focus fabric. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.) We will have the focus fabric available for sale at guild meetings for \$3 per fat quarter.

Also, the Guild's website and Facebook page should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block.

Cut list -- For one block:

- Focus Fabric: 3.5" square
- White: 2" X 39" strip (sub-cut into these lengths: two 3.5", two 6.5", and two 9.5")
- Coordinating fabric 1: 2" X 13" strip sub-cut into two 2" X 6.5" strips
- Coordinating fabric 2: 2" X 19" strip sub-cut into two 2" X 9.5" strips
- Coordinating fabric 3: 2" X 25" strip sub-cut into two 2" X 12.5" strips

This is put together different from a log cabin block because you sew on two opposite sides and press, then turn the block and sew on next two. We want you to make this block with two opposite sides using your white fabric and the other two your focus fabrics.

Assembling the block: Use a scant quarter inch seam. Press to the newly added fabric in each round except the first.

- Step one: arrange your strips of fabric in two piles. The first pile is your white pieces with shortest on top and longest on the bottom. Do the same with the focus fabrics. This is the order you will add them to the block.
- Step two: sew white 2" X 3.5" strips to opposite sides of focus fabric 3.5" square. Press to the focus fabric. (Photo 2.)
- Turn the block 90° and repeat these steps with fabric from the other pile. Use two of same size and color pieces and sew to opposite sides of the block. If your pieces don't fit – check your seam allowance and that you have the correct fabric for the round. Press to the newly added fabric and keep repeating until all pieces are sewn to the block.
- As you go along – you can check to see if you are sewing a with a correct seam allowance if the pieces match the length of the side. It is easier to make adjustments as you go – rather than trying to fix it at the end.
- Use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block. It should be 12.5" square. These blocks are due at the October 2023 meeting.



Photo 2



Photo 3



[Link to YouTube](#)

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