Block of the Month – March 2012
Courthouse Steps

**Fabric:** Choose a color family and select 1-3 distinctly light fabrics and 1-4 distinctly dark fabrics. Please use pre-washed cotton.

**Cutting:** For each block, cut pieces as follows (or use strips to width and cut after sewing):

Light:
- (2) 1 ¾” x 2”
- (2) 1 ¼” x 4 ½”
- (2) 1 ¾” x 7”

Dark:
- (1) 2” x 2”
- (2) 1 ¾” x 4 ½”
- (2) 1 ¾” x 7”
- (2) 1 ¾” x 9 ½”

**Assembly:** Sew the two smallest light pieces onto the center square using a scant ¼” seam. Press all seams outward. Continue to sew from the center out, alternating darks and lights (see diagram). This pattern doesn’t lend itself to chain sewing unless you are making multiple blocks at a time!

If you are unsure about your accuracy, you may cut strips of fabric 1 ¾” wide. Sew them onto the previous section, then cut to size. The squares should measure 4 ½” square, 7” square, and 9 ½” square.

**BOM basics:**
- Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
- Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label. It’s fun for the winner of the blocks to see who made them.
- If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) so that the winner can use them for a border or other finishing touches.
- For 2012-13, all BOM pattern directions will sew up as 9” blocks (9 ½” unfinished).
- Consider making a block or two in your favorite colors each month to keep for making a sampler quilt.
- If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.
  
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- To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).
- Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.
- Questions? Contact Kathie Simon-Frank ([Kathie@umn.edu](mailto:Kathie@umn.edu)) or Jeanne LaMoore ([jlamoore@gmail.com](mailto:jlamoore@gmail.com)).

Fun fact: We had 15 different winners (3 of whom won twice) of over 200 blocks in the first twelve months that we have done BOM!