

Town Square

Companion pattern for Marie Bostwick's book From Here to Home.
 Quilt Design by Deb Tucker, Studio 180 Design, Ltd.

Project Size: 60½" x 75½"

Changes are coming in Mary Dell Templeton's life, including a new rookie co-host for her quilting show. She designed this quilt for her new partner Holly, based on the Courthouse Square block, taking a fresh twist on a time-honored block and proving that traditional patchwork never goes out of style.

To make your own version of Town Square choose a range of dark colors from any fabrics in your stash. It really is so much fun to work with fabrics that you already own. Then add a contrasting color and a little accent and you'll have your own version of Town Square in no time.

Fabric Requirements

Fabric	Yardage
Reds	2⅜ yards
Gray	1¼ yards
Black (Inner Border)	⅝ yard
Red (Outer Border)	1½ yards
Binding	½ yard

Cutting Instructions

Block	Fabric	Size to Cut	Number Needed
Court House Step	Reds	2" squares	31
		2" x 3½" rectangles	28
		2" x 5" rectangles	62
		2" x 8" rectangles	34
	Gray	2" squares	48
		2" x 5" rectangles	48
Half square triangles	Reds	4¾" squares	36
	Gray	4¾" squares	36
Setting rectangles	Reds	5" x 8" rectangles	10
Quilt Corner Half Square Triangles	Reds	5½" x 5½" squares	2
	Gray	5½" x 5½" squares	2

Cutting Instructions continued on page 2

Block	Fabric	Size to Cut	Number Needed
Border corners	Reds	3½" squares	4
	Gray	3½" squares	4
	Black	3½" squares	8
Border	Black	2¼" x 50½"	2
		2¼" x 62"	2
	Red	5½" x 50½"	2
		5½" x 65½"	2
Binding	Red	2¼" x width of fabric	7 or 8 strips

Quilt Construction

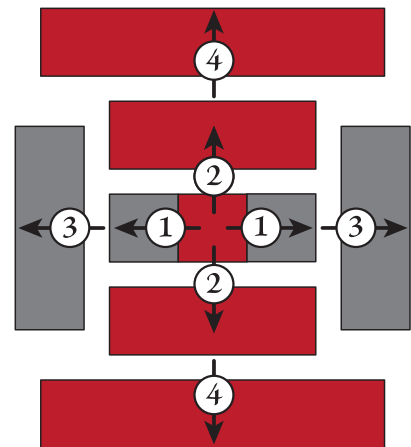
Whole Court House Step Blocks - Make 17

Step 1 - Start with 17 red 2" squares. Stitch two 2" gray squares on opposite sides of each red square. Press the seams toward the gray squares.

Step 2 - Stitch two red 2" x 5" rectangles to the long sides of the pieced units. Press toward the red rectangle.

Step 3 - Stitch two gray 2" x 5" rectangles onto the sides of your center section as illustrated. Press toward the rectangles you just added.

Step 4 - Sew two red 2" x 8" rectangles to the long sides of your pieced units. Press toward rectangles you just added.



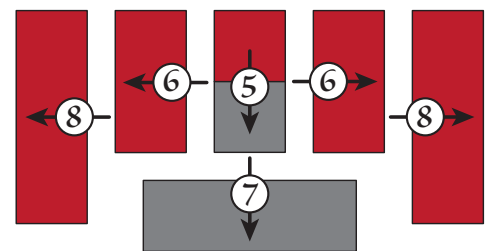
Partial Court House Step Blocks - Make 14

Step 5 - Gather the remaining 14 red 2" squares and 14 gray 2" squares. Stitch each red square to one gray square. Press the seam toward the gray square.

Step 6 - Stitch two red 2" x 3½" rectangles on both long sides of your pieced units. Press toward the red rectangles.

Step 7 - Stitch a gray 2" x 5" rectangle onto one side of each unit as illustrated. Press toward the outside edge.

Step 8 - Stitch two red 2" x 5" rectangles to the opposite sides of each block as shown. Press toward the outside edge.



Half Square Triangle Blocks for Alternate and Corner Blocks

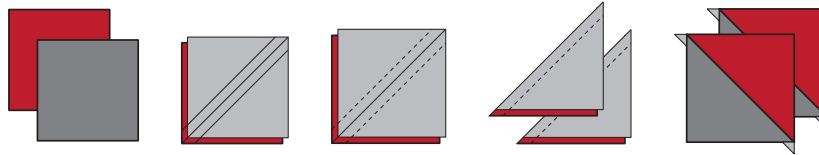
For making the alternate blocks and the corner blocks you will need to make three different size Half Square Triangle Units:

- 3¾" finished (4¼" unfinished) for alternate blocks
- 4½" finished (5" unfinished) for quilt center corners
- 2½" finished (3" unfinished) for border corners

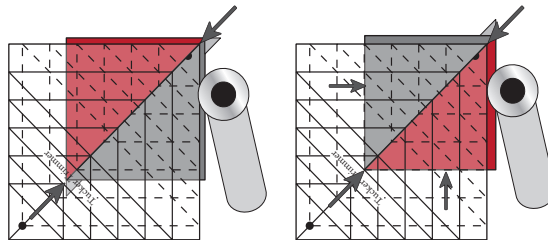
Alternate Blocks

Step 9 - Mark stitching lines ¼" away from the center diagonal on each of the gray 4¾" squares. I use my Quilter's Magic Wand™ for this. Layer each gray square on top of a red square.

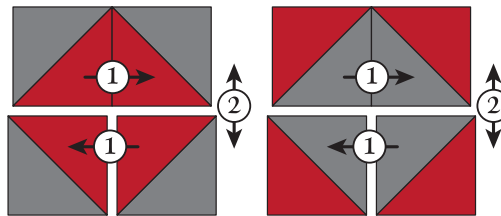
Step 10- Stitch on the drawn lines, cut between the sewn lines, and press toward the gray fabric.



Step 11 - Trim each oversized unit to measure exactly 4¼" x 4¼". I use my Tucker Trimmer® II for this.

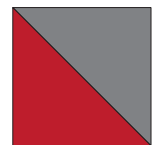


Step 12 - Arrange the Half Square Triangle Units into groups of 4 as shown in the illustration and stitch them together into the large Diamond Square blocks, Press as shown. You need to make 12 with the red triangles on the inside and 6 with the gray triangles on the inside.



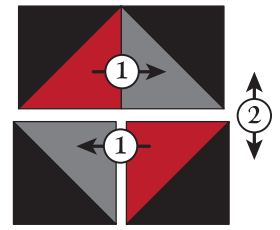
Corners for Quilt Center

Step 13 - Repeat steps 9-11 with the 5½" red and grey squares for the Setting Half Square Triangle Units. Trim these to measure 5" x 5". I would trim these with my Tucker Trimmer® I.



Border Corners

Step 14 - Use the 3½" red, gray and black squares to make 16 Half Square Triangle Units like you did in steps 9 - 12. 8 will be red and black, 8 will be gray and black. Mark your stitching lines on the back of the gray and red squares, and then pair each with a black square. Stitch, press, then trim the half squares to measure 3" x 3". I would trim these with my Tucker Trimmer® I. Put these together into Diamond Squares with the black on the outside, alternating red and gray on the inside.



Quilt Top Assembly

Step 15 - Arrange the blocks and setting rectangles as shown in the diagram on the next page. Stitch the blocks into rows first then sew the rows together. Press as indicated.

Step 16 - Attach your inner border long sides first followed by short sides. Press toward the dark border strips.

Step 17 - Stitch your pieced corner blocks to the ends of the red 50½" border strips. Press the seam toward the border strips.

Step 18 - Stitch the 65½" outer border strips to quilt center first, pressing toward the outer border, followed by the 50½" border with the corners. Press toward the outer border.

Step 19 - Finish with Batting, Backing, Quilting, and Binding. Layer quilt top with batting and backing. Baste and quilt. Bind and enjoy your beautiful version of Town Square!

