## Autumn Impressions <br> $90^{\prime \prime} \times 106^{\prime \prime}$

To make the quilt pictured:


## You need:

- Dark brown fabrics - $21 / 4$ yards for the accent pieces in the courthouse steps block
- Creams/lights $-5 \frac{1}{4}$ for the lights including the inner narrow border
- Medium green - $23 / 4$ yards for big 8 " border
- Scraps of various dark-ish autumn tones - with very little to no white or cream in the design - $57 / 8$ yards
- $3 / 4$ yard of your favorite color for binding.

This quilt is made up of $3-8^{\prime \prime}$ finished-in-the-quilt blocks ( $8.5^{\prime \prime}$ as unfinished blocks) and they look like this:

and


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 $8.5^{\prime \prime}$ 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" $\times 2.5^{\prime \prime}$ strips
- $2-1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 4.5^{\prime \prime}$ strips
- 2 - $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ x 6.5 strips

From darks

- $2-1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 2.5^{\prime \prime}$ strips
- $2-1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 4.5^{\prime \prime}$ strips
- 2 - $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ x6.5 strips

From very dark brown:

- 1-2.5" square
- $12-1.5^{\prime \prime}$ 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 $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ 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 http://quiltingandwhatnot.ca/pdf files/twoinfinhst.pdf

For block 3: (finishes at $8.5^{\prime \prime}$ 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 $4,2.5^{\prime \prime}$ 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 $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ square. I just marked the size of the cream piece:


I always start with the center of this kind of block:
2. Add a $1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 2.5^{\prime \prime}$ 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 " $\times 2.5^{\prime \prime}$ ) to each side:

4. Add a colorful strip 1.5 " $\times 4.5$ " to top and bottom:

5. Add the next cream/brown piece to each side (cream is $1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 4.5^{\prime \prime}$ )

6. Add a colorful $1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 6.5^{\prime \prime}$ strip to the top and bottom:

7. Add the last cream/brown strip to the sides: Cream piece is 1.5 " $\times 6.5$ "


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 $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ squares together.

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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) $-1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 88.5^{\prime \prime}$. Attach to sides.
Cut 2 strips (piece as needed) $-1.5^{\prime \prime} \times 74.5^{\prime \prime}$. Attach to top and bottom.
B. Second border: medium sage green

Cut strips (piece as needed) $-8.5^{\prime \prime} \times 90.5^{\prime \prime}$. Attach to sides.
Cut strips (piece as needed) $-8.5^{\prime \prime} \times 90.5^{\prime \prime}$. Attach to sides.
6. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
7. Quilt as desired.
8. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

## Congratulations! <br> Your quilt is finished! <br> 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:



