Web Bonus: Nesting Boxes a scrappy quilt with loads of style!



Designed by LYNN LISTER

Machine Quilted by KAREN NIEMI

Finished Quilt Size 58" x 71"

Number of Blocks and Finished Size 12 Framed Courthouse Steps Blocks 11½" x 11½"

Planning

Lynn used red, gray, blue, brown, and tan prints in her wonderful, scrappy quilt. Shop for similar prints or dig out favorites from your stash to make your own unique version. Notice that the center block in the bottom row has a maverick triangle that doesn't match the others in the block. You may wish to make a similar block. The pieced border is made by sewing rectangles to ends, and then trimming to fit before adding corner squares.

Fabric Requirements

*Assorted prints (blocks, sashing 21/8-21/2 posts, pieced border) yds. total Red solid (blocks) 1 fat quarter** Red large print (blocks, sashing, 3rd border, pieced border) 1% yds. Dark gray solid (blocks, sashing posts, 1st border, pieced border, border corners, binding) 13/8 yds. Tan large print (blocks, sashing posts, 2nd border, pieced border) 3/4 yd. Backing (piece widthwise) 37/8 yds. 66" x 80" Batting size *See Planning. **A fat quarter is an 18" x 20-22" cut of fabric.



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Cutting Instructions

(in order listed)

 \square = cut in half diagonally Assorted prints

cut 9 sets of:

2 matching squares 65/8" x 65/8" □

cut 11 matched sets of:

2 strips 11/2" x 85/8"

2 strips 11/2" x 65/8"

cut 11 matched sets of:

2 strips 11/2" x 65/8"

2 strips 11/2" x 45/8"

cut 11 matched sets of:

2 strips 11/2" x 45/8"

2 strips 11/2" x 25/8"

cut a total of:

4 rectangles 21/4" x 41/2" 107 rectangles 2" x 21/4" 17 squares 2" x 2"

Red solid

2 squares 65%" x 65%" □

12 squares 25/8" x 25/8"

Red large print

*4 strips 41/2" x 64", pieced from 8 width of fabric (WOF) strips

4 rectangles 21/4" x 41/2"

31 strips 2" x 12"

13 rectangles 2" x 21/4"

2 strips 1 1/2" x 85/8"

2 strips 11/2" x 65/8"

Dark gray solid

8 strips 21/2" x WOF (binding)

*4 strips 21/2" x 58", pieced from

6 WOF strips

4 squares 21/4" x 21/4"

16 rectangles 2" x 21/4"

2 squares 2" x 2"

2 strips 11/2" x 65/8"

2 strips 11/2" x 45/8"

Tan large print

*4 strips 11/4" x 62", pieced from 8 WOF strips

4 squares 65/8" x 65/8" □

16 rectangles 2" x 21/4" 1 square 2" x 2"

2 strips 1½" x 45%"

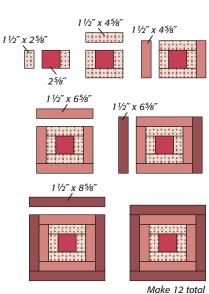
2 strips 11/2" x 25/8"

*Border strips include extra length for trimming.



Piecing the Blocks

1 Sew 2 matching 11/2" x 25%" strips to red solid 25%" square (**Diagram I**). Sew matching 45%" strips to top and bottom. Stitch matching 45%" strips of a 2nd assorted fabric to sides; stitch matching 65%" strips to top and bottom. Sew matching 65%" strips of a 3rd assorted fabric to sides; sew matching 85%" strips to top/bottom to complete block center. Make 12 total.



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Diagram I

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2 Sew matching 65%" half-square triangles to sides of block center to make Framed Courthouse Steps Block (**Diagram II**). Make 12 total.







Make 12 total

Diagram II

Assembling the Quilt Top

- 3 Note: Refer to Assembly Diagram for following steps. Stitch 5 sashing rows using 4 assorted 2" squares and 3 red large print 12" sashing strips each. Stitch 4 block rows using 4 red sashing strips and 3 blocks each. Sew rows together, alternating.
- 4 Sew dark gray 58" strips to sides; trim even with top and bottom. Sew gray 58" strips to top/bottom; trim even with sides. Sew tan large print 62" strips to sides; trim even with top and bottom. Sew tan 62" strips to top/bottom; trim even with sides. Sew red large print 64" strips to sides; trim even with top and bottom. Sew remaining red strips to top/bottom: trim even with sides.

assorted 2" x 21/4" rectangles, joining them on their long sides. Stitch one 21/4" x 41/2" rectangle to each end. Measure exact width of quilt center from raw edge to raw edge. Trim pieced strip to this measurement, trimming equal amount from each end. Sew gray 21/4" square to each end. Make 2 total.

6 Sew together 43 assorted 2" x 21/4" rectangles, joining them on their long sides in random order. Stitch one 21/4" x 41/2" rectangle to each end. Make 2 total. Sew to sides, centering; trim even with top/bottom. Stitch pieced border strips from Step 5 to top/bottom.

Quilting and Finishing

7 Layer, baste, and quilt. Karen machine quilted an allover meander. Bind with dark gray solid.



Assembly Diagram

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