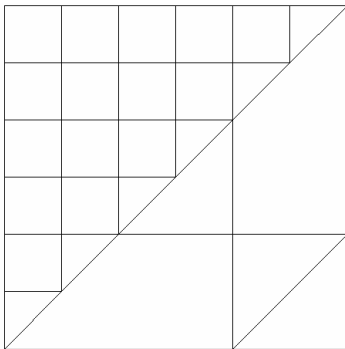


Steps to the Altar

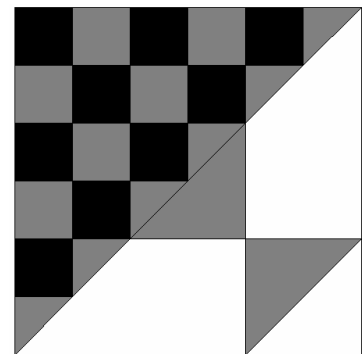
The BOM is a 6 inch finished block
(6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches edge to edge)

There are at least three different blocks named Steps to the Altar. This one was first documented by the Ladies' Art Company in 1898, and it is also known as Fruit Dish, Stair Steps, English T Box - even Jacob's Ladder. Sometimes you will see each diagonal row of squares a different fabric, but for our samplers we will stick to two colours. For the samplers, we will use the smaller blocks and add setting triangles to set the block on point within the finished block. However these blocks alone will make a wonderful quilt. Watch the cutting on this one!



Colour the block on the left with your own colour choices to help with the placement of the pieces.

Something old, something new
Let's make this block
Something blue!

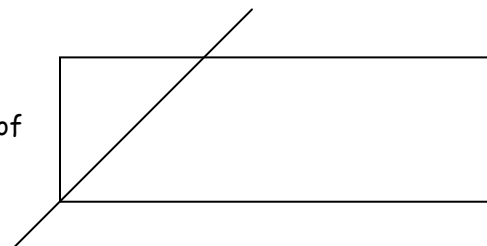


Cutting:

Finished Size	6 inch block	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch block
Unfinished Size	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches	7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch
Sampler Block Size	10 inches finished 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches edge to edge	12 inches finished 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch edge to edge
Background	2 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ in	2 - 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ by 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ in
Background	2 $\frac{7}{8}$ inch square cut diagonally	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch square cut diagonally
Dark	9 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in squares	9 - 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in squares
Medium	6 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in squares	6 - 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in squares
Medium	3 - 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ in squares cut diagonally	3 - 2 inch squares, cut diagonally
Medium	2 $\frac{7}{8}$ in square cut diagonally	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in square cut diagonally

Cutting the Background strips:

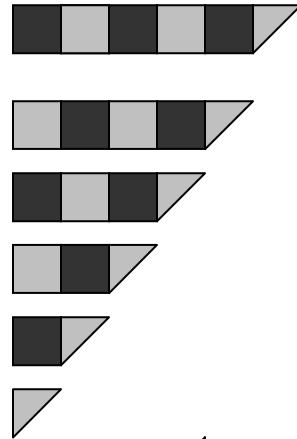
Take the large background strips and put them right sides together. Now place the 45 degree line from your ruler and line it up with the end of the strip. Trim away the corner.



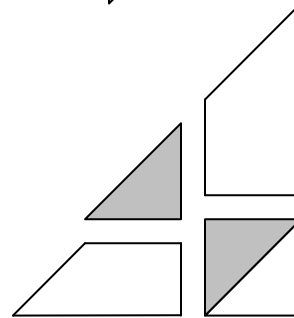
Assembly:

1. Sew your Medium and Dark squares together in rows:

Press all seams to the dark side. Then sew the strips together to form half the block.



2. Sew the half square triangle, then assemble the other pieces to form the second half of the block.



3. Sew the two halves together - remember the diagonal seam is totally on the bias, and be gentle!

Now for the samplers, add the setting triangles.

For the 10 inch block, cut 2 $6 \frac{1}{2}$ inch squares, then cut each diagonally.

For the 12 inch block, cut 2 7 inch squares, then cut each diagonally.

Sew the long sides of two triangles to opposite sides of the steps block, press towards the block. Sew the remaining two triangles to the other two sides. Square up to $10 \frac{1}{2}$ or $12 \frac{1}{2}$ inches

In Steps to the Altar, Benni Harper is up to her ears in weddings. Emory and Elvia are getting hitched, while Benni's grandma Dove is also trying to decide how and where to get married to Isaac! Like a lot of us, Benni seems to be unable to say No and ends up going through the effects of a woman who apparently killed her husband and ran off with his best friend. Just to add a little spice to the mixture, Gabe's old and gorgeous partner appears out of nowhere seemingly intent on getting him back. Benni has a real handful in this book!

If you have any problems, please don't hesitate to call Lyn at 421-1357. Or come to the Drop-In at 1133 Pipeline Road on Saturday, May 28th