

First block for Mystery² Quilt 2019-20. June Newsletter

Before we begin, every block but one has a square in a square element. Putting triangles on the 4 sides set the inside square on point. The trick is to make sure that the center of the triangle matches the center of the side. You can fold each in half and pinch the centers and match the resulting fold lines. You can find the center of one triangle, and mark that spot on all 4 triangles, only needing to find the center of each side. There are tools that help you trim the triangles, before you sew them to the sides, which shortens the triangle and makes matching the sides a little easier. If you have one, use it; but it's not necessary. One other hint: when pressing the Square in a square: the points will show on the right side more readily if the block's seam allowances are flat, away from the square.



The name of this historic block is Coxey's Camp.

<https://deborahboutwell.wordpress.com/2012/01/08/coxeys-camp-quilt-block-2/>

You will need to make 24 of these blocks by August.

Step 1. From Fabric C. 1-#1 Cut 6 WOF strips at 2.5 inches each. Cross cut these strips into 96 2.5-inch squares.

Step 2. From both C1-#2 and Light #2 cut 8 WOF strips at 1 ¼ inches each. Sew every C1 #2 to a Light #2 strip. Making 8 strata of the 2 colors. Cross cut the strata into 96 rectangles measuring 2" by 3.5".

Step 3. From the Background fabric, cut WOF strips at 2.5". Cross cut the strips into 48 squares. Then cut the squares diagonally, making 96 right triangles. Gather triangles together into 24 sets of 4 triangles each.

Step 4. From Both C2-#2 and Light #2, (or Light #3) Cut 2 WOF strips at 1 ½ "each. Sew 2 strata of those 2 strip sets. Cross cut the strata into 1 ½" by 2' rectangles, then pair two and make 24 2 inch square 4-patches.



Constructing the blocks:

Using one 4 patch and a set of 4 triangles, make a square in a square. ---24 times. Trim each of them to a 3.5" square.



Sew 2 of the 2" by 3.5" rectangles to two opposite sides of the square in a square. With the C.1-#2 next to the square.



On the rest of the 48 rectangles, sew a C1-#1 square to both ends.

Finish by putting one each of those 48 pieces on the top and bottom your 24 Coxey's Camp blocks. Make sure your light fabric is on the outside of each block. Your blocks should measure 6 ½ "unfinished.

