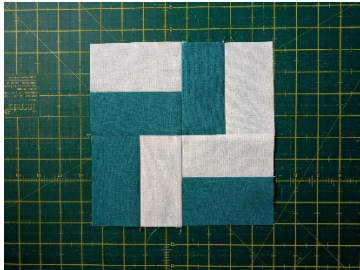


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Stairway



Before you get started, please carefully read through all the fabric requirements and method. Also, please check that your sewing machine is sewing correctly i.e. the tension - make sure it's not gathering the fabric or that the base thread is lying on the fabric's surface.

FABRIC TYPE

Please use only quilting-weight cotton fabric, i.e., no curtaining, stretch, suiting, or upholstery fabrics. We are also unable to use blocks that include licensed fabrics. If you have a selvedge on the fabrics you are using, please remove before piecing – it's thicker than the main fabric and the holes that are often present are a weak point.

COLOUR CHOICE

Fabrics needed: a light and a dark fabric of the same colour that is plain or reads as plain e.g. dark and light blue / green / red etc or black and grey.

Suitable pairs:-



CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

4 - 2 ½ " x 4 ½ " rectangles from each pair

METHOD

1. Sew the dark and light rectangles together down the 4 ½" side with a **scant ¼ inch seam**. Press the seam towards the dark fabric. This will give you 4 ½" squares. (Or you can cut two 2 ½" strips 18 inches long then sub cut into 4 ½" squares.)



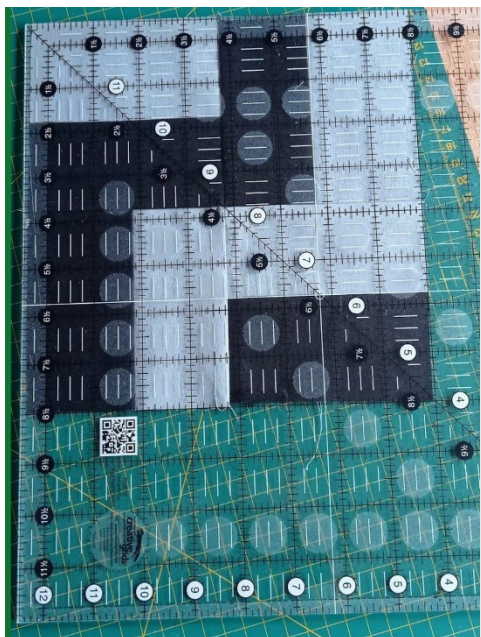
2. Arrange your 4 ½" squares as shown to form one step of a staircase. Sew 2 pairs together and press towards 4 ½" side (this reduces bulk on the completed block.)



3. Sew the remaining seam to finish the block. Press as shown.



4. Check that your completed blocks measure 8 ½” square. You may need to adjust your ¼ inch seam if they are bigger or smaller than this.





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