

USING VALUE

A "Courthouse Steps" variation
15 1/2" unfinished

VALUE = the lightness or darkness of a color

HINT

Squint at your fabrics placed next to each other to see the relative values. A fabric or color can appear light, dark or medium value depending on what it is next to.

PLAN your colors and values before cutting out strips and squares for this block.

Use red for the heart, print or solid, but it should "read red." Cut a 3 1/2" square of light value fabric for the background of the heart.

Seam heart square between 2 same size squares of medium value fabrics, prints or solids.

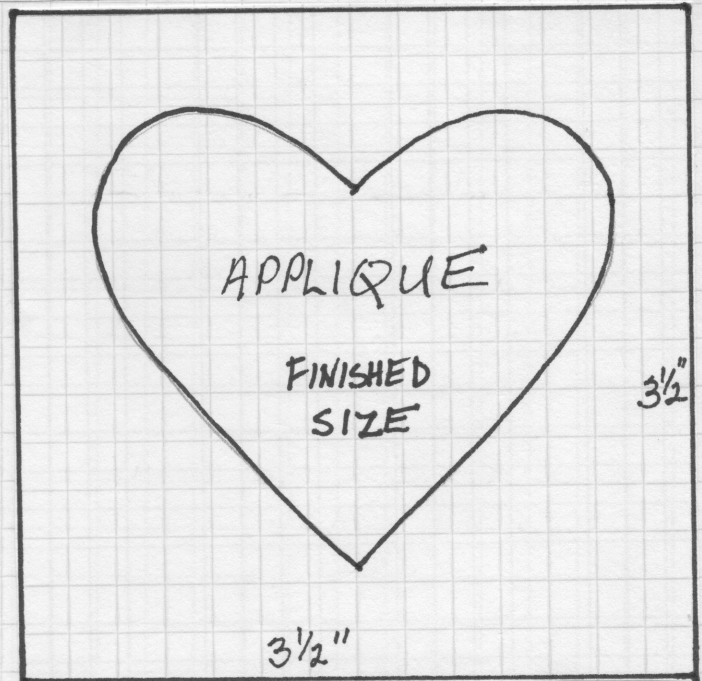
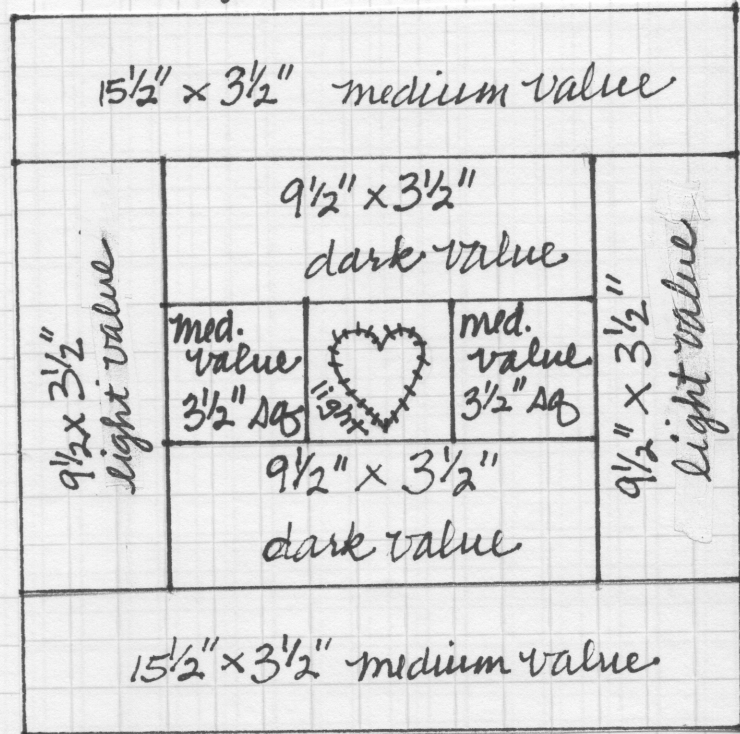
Cut 2 3 1/2" x 9 1/2" strips of dark value prints and sew above and below the heart strip.

Cut 2 3 1/2" x 9" strips of another light value print or solid. Sew onto the R and L sides of the center five patches.

Cut 2 15 1/2" x 3 1/2" medium value print strips and sew to top and bottom of block.

Applique the heart in your chosen method. Trim unfinished block to 15 1/2" square.

Note: you can shift positions of the "border" strips of this block to allow value contrast as blocks are set in rows and columns.



YouTube tutorial - search
"courthouse steps quilt"
(Simple Simon)

Remember: Color gets all the credit, but Value does all the work!