33 Farmer's Wife (Or alternate, Courthouse Steps)

As seen in The Farmer's Wife 1930s Sampler Quilt book by Laurie Aaron Hird

From Marti Michell Perfect Patchwork Templates Conversion Chart

For personal use in conjunction with the book and these From MARTI MICHELL Tools: Perfect Patchwork Template Sets A #8151, Log Cabin Ruler #8037 and Multi-Size Peaky & Spike #8289



You can cut the Farmer's Wife block with our tools, as listed below, and you can make the block as shown in the book. However, since I'm not crazy about this block and I love Courthouse Steps, I'm substituting a Courthouse Steps block cut with the ¾" finished side of Log Cabin Ruler #8037. It's a perfect 6" finished size block.

Cutting the Pieces for Farmer's Wife

FW Template	Number of Pieces to Cut	FMM Log Cabin Ruler #8037 34″ side
А	2	с
В	2	d nubbed with A-7, shown below
		discard
С	6	b
D	2	e nubbed with A-7
E	4	N-81 or A-7 double-cut (see April FMM Chart #42)
F	4	A-5
G	4	b LCR modified with paper pattern or Multi-Size Peaky & Spike
H&I	4	e LCR modified with paper pattern or Multi-Size Peaky & Spike
J	2 each color	A-7

A 6" Courthouse Steps Block

Cutting the Pieces

Center square A — Cut a 2" square.

Cut 2 light and 3 dark strips 1¼" wide by 12".

Stack light strips and, using Log Cabin Ruler #8037, cut **b**, **d** and **f**, 2 at a time.

Stack 2 dark strips and cut d and h.

From the final dark strip, cut 2 f pieces.

Making the Courthouse Steps Block

Starting with light **b** strips, join the strips to opposite sides of the center square, the dark **d** pieces, light **d**, dark f, light f, and finally the dark **h** strips. Press away from the center square each time.

