

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Modern Domestic **Make a BLM Banner**

Did you know? The Black Lives Matter movement was started in 2013 by Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi. It started simply as a hashtag on social media following the acquittal of Officer George Zimmerman in the shooting death of African-American teen Trayvon Martin. The intent of this movement is to shine a spotlight on the injustices, prejudices, and cruelty that Black people have endured in the United States and worldwide. It is an exclamation that Black lives not only matter, but are valuable, beautiful, and worthy of respect and protection.

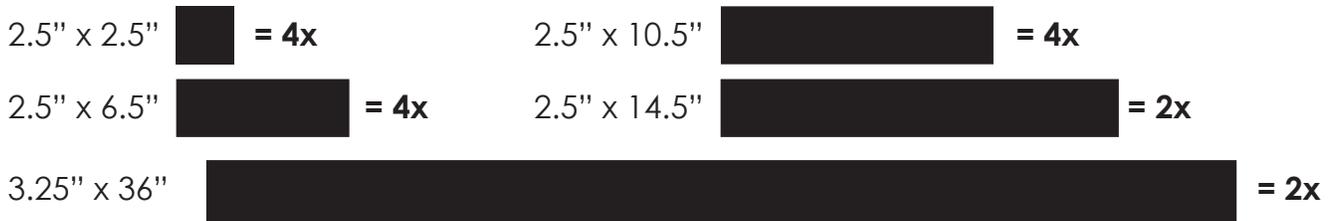
Create a BLM banner to show support to your neighbors and then visit blacklivesmatter.org to find ways in which you can help the cause.

Supplies:

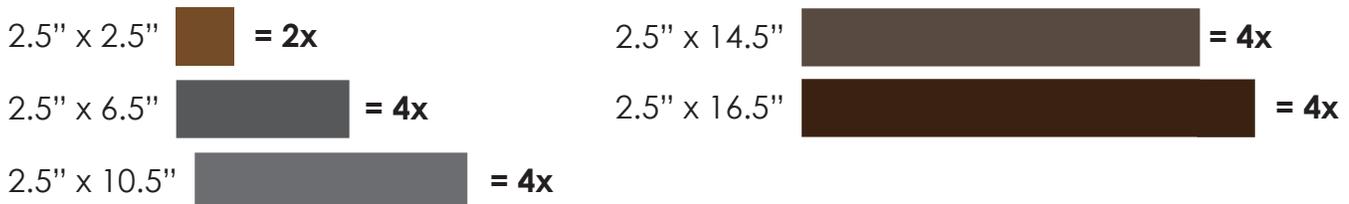
1/2 yard black solid fabric, 1/4 yard (or FQ) of white fabric, various dark printed fabrics totaling a 1/4 yard, 5/8 yard Trans-Web double-sided fusible.

Backing: 3/4 yard. Batting: 3/4 yard. Binding: 1/4 yard

STEP 1. We're going to make two Courthouse Step blocks – a reminder that we still have legal work to do. Cut black solid fabric into the following pieces:



STEP 2. Cut dark printed fabrics into the following sizes.

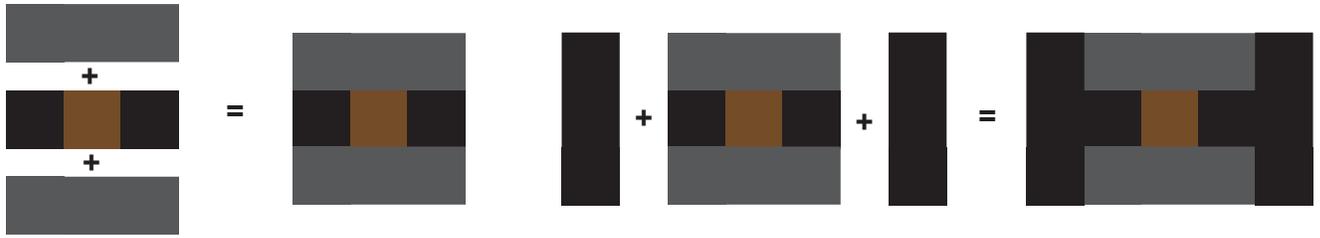


STEP 3. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew two black squares to either side of one dark square.



Repeat each step with second set.

STEP 4. Join a dark strip (6.5" length) above and below this set. Then add black strips to the left and right sides of this block.

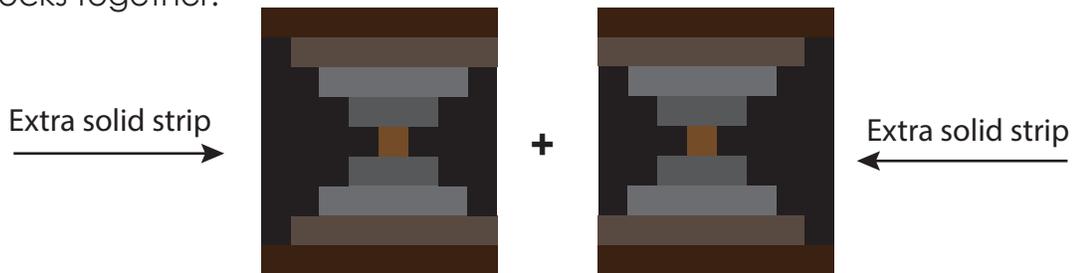


STEP 5. Continue to add dark prints above and below and black strips left and right until you have three courthouse steps above and below the center square.

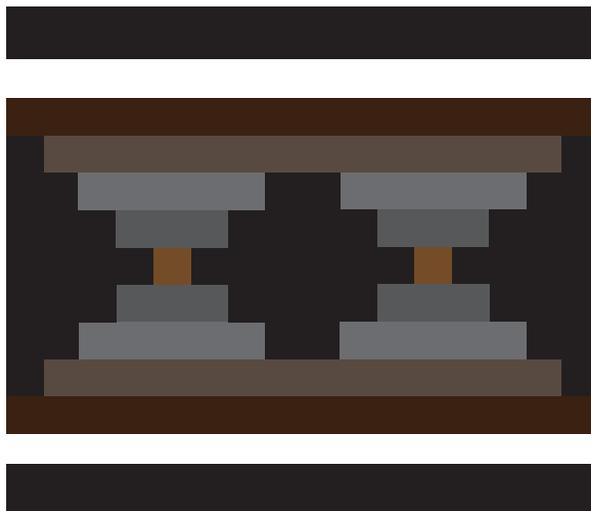
STEP 6. Add one more black strip (14.5") to one side. Then add the last dark print (16.5") to the top and bottom.



STEP 7. Rotate one of the blocks so that the longest black strips are opposite each other. Join the two blocks together.



STEP 8. Add 3.25" solid strip to the top and bottom and trim to size.



STEP 9. Trace the letters onto the paper side of Trans-Web (a double sided fusible that will turn any fabric into an iron-on patch). The letters are backwards on purpose. You will need to trace two of the following: A, E, L, T.

Cut out the letters from the Trans-Web. Place the letters paperside up on the back of your fabric.

Press with a hot iron for ten seconds until Transw-Web has fused to fabric. Use a pressing cloth to make sure you don't get any adhesive on your iron.

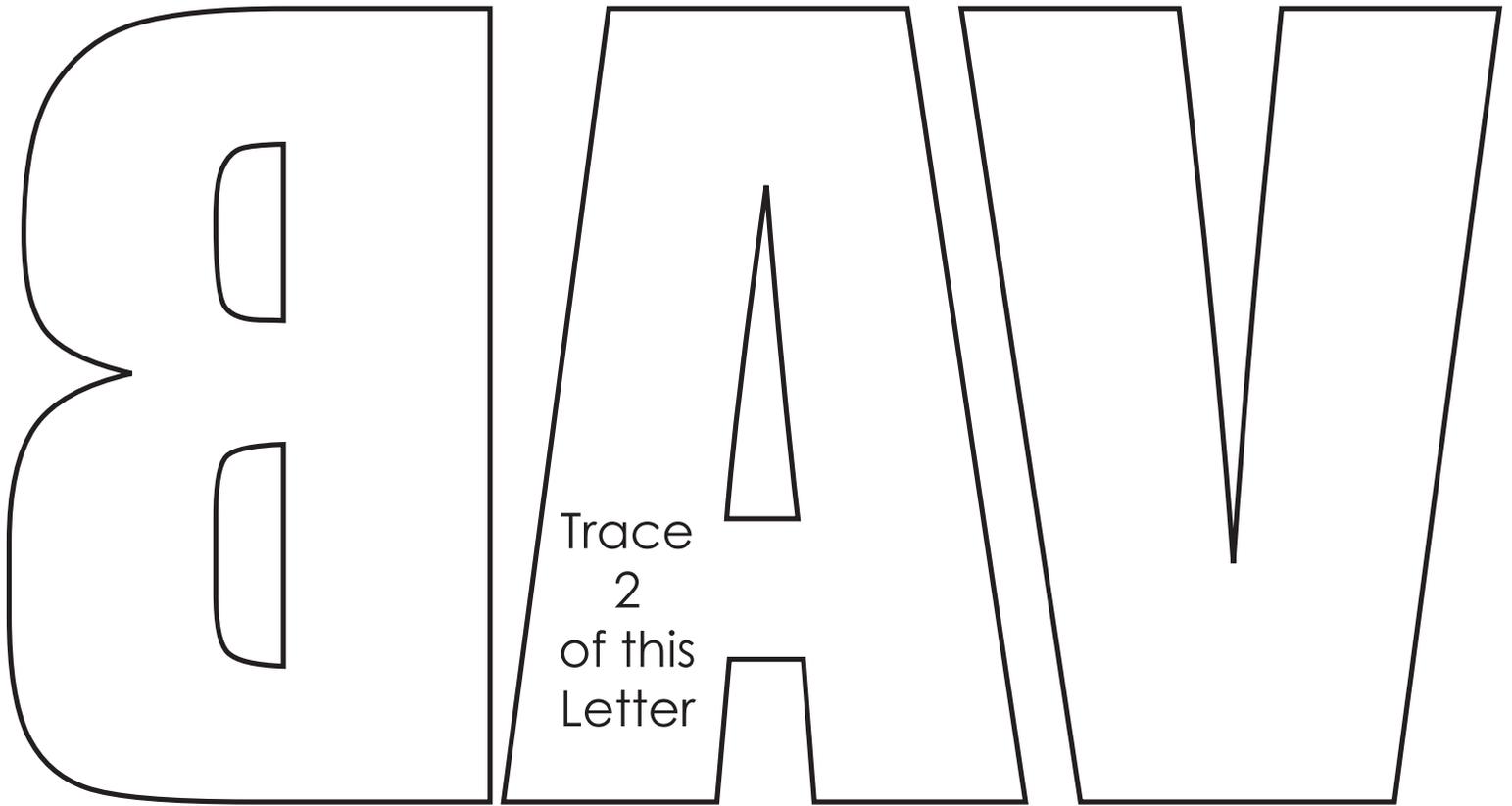
Cut the Letters out of the fabric following the outline of the paper.

Peel the paper from the fabric. Notice the shiny adhesive on the fabric.

Turn the letters right-side-up and arrange on your banner. Again, using a hot iron and a pressing cloth, press each letter for 10 seconds until it adheres to your banner.

STEP 10. Quilt and bind the banner in your preferred manner. And don't forget to visit blacklivesmatter.org.





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