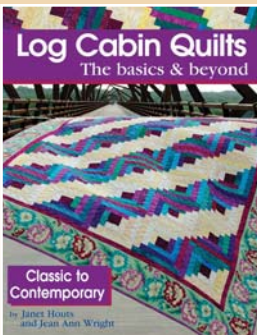
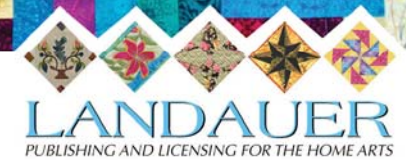


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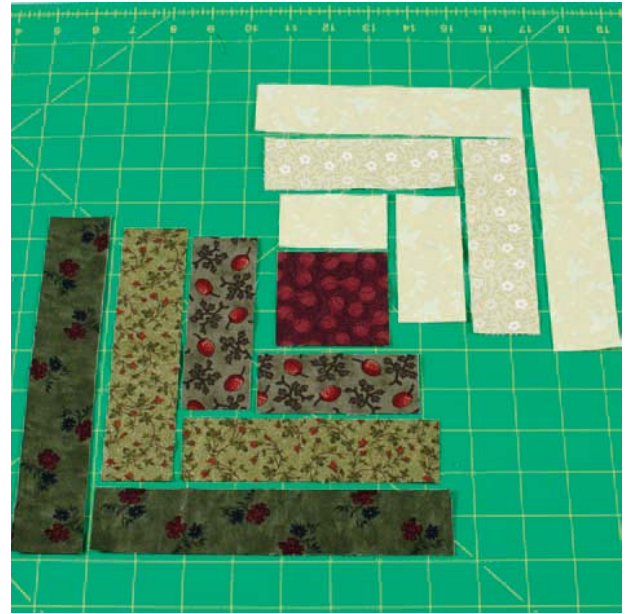
Log Cabin

The log cabin block starts with a precision cut center square. Fabric logs are then added in a clockwise rotation to make rounds around the square. Each round consists of four logs. The block can be started with dark or light value logs.



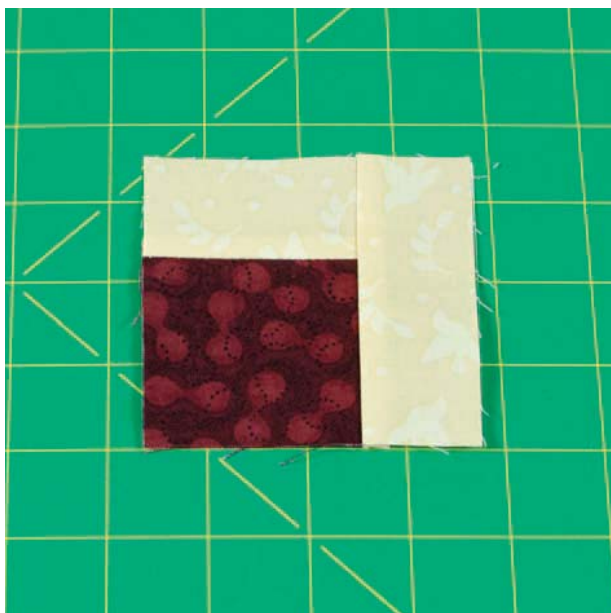
- 1 Determine the size of the log cabin block you wish to make and use the chart in Chapter 3, page 37, to cut the center square to the required size.

We are making an 8" finished block in our example.



- 2 Using the chart in Chapter 3, page 37, cut the logs using the measurements given for the size block you want to make.

Tip: You may wish to number the logs as you cut them.



- 3 Sew logs #1 and #2 to adjacent sides of the center square in a clockwise rotation.



- 4 Sew logs #3 and #4 to the two remaining adjacent sides of the center square continuing in a clockwise rotation. This completes round #1.



5 Sew logs #5 and #6 to adjacent sides of round #1 in a clockwise rotation.



6 Sew logs #7 and #8 to the two remaining adjacent sides of round #1 continuing in a clockwise rotation. This completes round two.



7 Sew logs #9 and #10 to adjacent sides of round #2 in a clockwise rotation.



8 Sew logs #11 and #12 to the two remaining adjacent sides of round #2 to complete the log cabin block. Press using spray starch or fabric stabilizer.

Yardage Requirements for Log Cabin Blocks

| 6" Finished Block | | | 1 1/4" x 6 1/2" | 1 1/4" x 5" | | 1 1/4" x 5 3/4" | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cut size | Finished size | | | 1 1/4" x 5" | 1 1/4" x 3 1/2" | | |
| Center square: 2" | Center square: 1 1/2" | | | | 1 1/4" x 2" | | 1 1/4" x 2 3/4" |
| Logs: 1 1/4" | Logs: 3/4" | | | | | | |
| Block: 6 1/2" | Block: 6" | | | | 1 1/4" x 2 3/4" | | 1 1/4" x 4 1/4" |
| For 8 Blocks | Yardage | Cutting | 1 1/4" x 5 3/4" | | | | |
| Center Square | fat 1/8 or 1/8 yard | cut (8) 2" squares | | | | | |
| Light fabric | fat 1/4 or 1/4 yard | cut (13) 1 1/4" x 21" (42") logs | | | | | |
| Dark fabric | fat 1/4 or 1/4 yard | cut (13) 1 1/4" x 21" x (42") logs | | | | | |

| 8" Finished Block | | | 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" | 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" | | 1 1/2" x 7 1/2" | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cut size | Finished size | | | 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" | 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" | | |
| Center square: 2 1/2" | Center square: 2" | | | | 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" | | 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" |
| Logs: 1 1/2" | Logs: 1" | | | | | | |
| Block: 8 1/2" | Block: 8" | | | | 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" | | 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" |
| For 6 Blocks | Yardage | Cutting | 1 1/2" x 7 1/2" | | | | |
| Center Square | fat 1/8 or 1/8 yard | cut (8) 2 1/2" squares | | | | | |
| Light fabric | fat 1/4 or 1/4 yard | cut (11) 1 1/2" x 21" (42") logs | | | | | |
| Dark fabric | fat 1/4 or 1/4 yard | cut (11) 1 1/2" x 21" x (42") logs | | | | | |

| 10" Finished Block | | | 1 3/4" x 10 1/2" | 1 3/4" x 8" | | 1 3/4" x 9 1/4" | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cut size | Finished size | | | 1 3/4" x 8" | 1 3/4" x 5 1/2" | | |
| Center square: 3" | Center square: 2 1/2" | | | | 1 3/4" x 3" | | 1 3/4" x 4 1/4" |
| Logs: 1 3/4" | Logs: 1 1/4" | | | | | | |
| Block: 10 1/2" | Block: 10" | | | | 1 3/4" x 4 1/4" | | 1 3/4" x 6 3/4" |
| For 4 Blocks | Yardage | Cutting | 1 3/4" x 9 1/4" | | | | |
| Center Square | fat 1/8 or 1/8 yard | cut (8) 3" squares | | | | | |
| Light fabric | fat 1/4 or 1/4 yard | cut (9) 1 3/4" x 21" (42") logs | | | | | |
| Dark fabric | fat 1/4 or 1/4 yard | cut (9) 1 3/4" x 21" x (42") logs | | | | | |

| 12" Finished Block | | | 2" x 12 1/2" | 2" x 9 1/2" | | 2" x 11" | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| Cut size | Finished size | | | 2" x 9 1/2" | 2" x 6 1/2" | | |
| Center square: 3 1/2" | Center square: 3" | | | | 2" x 3 1/2" | | 2" x 5" |
| Logs: 2" | Logs: 1 1/2" | | | | | | |
| Block: 12 1/2" | Block: 12" | | | | 2" x 5" | | 2" x 8" |
| For 3 Blocks | Yardage | Cutting | 2" x 11" | | | | |
| Center Square | fat 1/8 or 1/8 yard | cut (8) 3 1/2" squares | | | | | |
| Light fabric | fat 1/4 or 1/4 yard | cut (3) 2" x 21" (42") logs | | | | | |
| Dark fabric | fat 1/4 or 1/4 yard | cut (3) 2" x 21" x (42") logs | | | | | |