

Block 2 – Log Cabin
Finishes at 12 ½”

The Log Cabin block is both easy and versatile. There are a lot of free quilt patterns on the internet that use this basic block, and it’s also easy to design your own quilt by playing with the colors and placement of blocks.

For this block, I used 7 different fabrics. Choose three light and three dark fabrics. You will also need fabric for the center square. Traditionally, the center square of a log cabin block was red or yellow to symbolize the fireplace or hearth in the cabin. In this block I chose white to coordinate with my shades of blue.

Cut one center block (A) 3 ½ inches square

From remaining 6 fabrics cut one 2 inch strip x WOF (width of fabric) of each color. (If using fat quarters you will need to cut two each.) You will sub cut two lengths from each strip.

Light Strip One

B – 2” x 3 ½”

C – 2” x 5”

Dark Strip One

D – 2” x 5”

E – 2” x 6 ½”

Light Strip Two

F – 2” x 6 ½”

G – 2” x 8”

Dark Strip Two

H – 2” x 8”

I – 2” x 9 ½”

Light Strip Three

J – 2” x 9 ½”

K – 2” x 11”

Dark Strip Three

L – 2” x 11”

M – 2” x 12 ½”

Sew strip B to one side of the center square, A. Working clockwise around the square, sew strip C onto the center, follow with strip D, then E.



For the next row, sew strip F on top of strip B, and continue around the square clockwise with G, H, and I in order. Repeat with J (one top of F), K, L, and M.

Notes:

Press the seams as you go. You can finger press or use your iron. If using your iron remember to press only, don't go back and forth as this could distort your material.

Tip from Erma Giron – sew with a scant 1/4" seam (I moved my needle 0.25 mm to the right) to insure you get a 12 1/2 inch block. A larger block can be trimmed to fit but a small block creates a headache!

Three color variation:



For a quilt made of Log Cabin blocks, try this easy layout with 24 blocks and two 3-inch borders:

