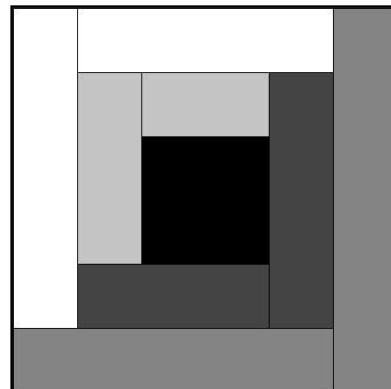


Block 1: Log Cabin (provided December 2015; share January 2016)

Traditionally, the center square is either red or yellow to represent the heart or light of the home. Also, the logs on one side of the block are lighter than the logs on the other giving a very sharp contrast that makes for many striking design possibilities. As shown, this block uses 5 fabrics: Lightest, Light, Medium, Dark, Darkest.



Fabric needed: Cut 1 of each size listed. Be sure each piece is cut correctly. Accurate piecing starts with accurately cut pieces. In particular, be sure that your square (Darkest fabric) is truly square.

	3" blocks	6" blocks	9" blocks	12" blocks	15" blocks
Finished Width of Logs	1/2"	1"	1-1/2"	2"	2-1/2"
Lightest	2-1/2" x 1" 3" x 1"	4-1/2" x 1-1/2" 5-1/2" x 1-1/2"	6-1/2" x 2" 8" x 2"	8-1/2" x 2-1/2" 10-1/2" x 2-1/2"	10-1/2" x 3" 13" x 3"
Light	1-1/2" X 1" 2" X 1"	2-1/2" X 1-1/2" 3-1/2" X 1-1/2"	3-1/2" X 2" 5" X 2"	4-1/2" X 2-1/2" 6-1/2" X 2-1/2"	5-1/2" X 3" 8" X 3"
Medium	3" x 1" 3-1/2" x 1"	5-1/2" x 1-1/2" 6-1/2" x 1-1/2"	8" x 2" 9-1/2" x 2"	10-1/2" x 2-1/2" 12-1/2" x 2-1/2"	13" x 3" 15-1/2" x 3"
Dark	2" X 1" 2-1/2" X 1"	3-1/2" X 1-1/2" 4-1/2" X 1-1/2"	5" X 2" 6-1/2" X 2"	6-1/2" X 2-1/2" 8-1/2" x 2-1/2"	8" x 3" 10-1/2" x 3"
Darkest	1-1/2" x 1-1/2"	2-1/2" x 2-1/2"	3-1/2" X 3-1/2"	4-1/2" X 4-1/2"	5-1/2" X 5-1/2"

Piecing Instructions for 9" blocks (3", 6", 12", 15")

Note: Each log should be the same length as the unit to which it is being stitched. If there is any discrepancy, check the size of the log being added, the size of the unit and the size of your stitched seam. Correct any issues before proceeding.

1. Stitch the shorter Light log to the top of the Darkest square in a 1/4" seam. Press the seam toward the added log. The unit should now measure 5" x 3-1/2" (2" x 1-1/2", 3-1/2" x 2-1/2", 6-1/2" x 4-1/2", 8" x 5-1/2"). If it does not, check that there is not a pleat at the seam that needs to be pressed out. If that doesn't correct the size, then note whether your seam is too big (block is small) or too large (block is large). Rip out the seam, restitch and press again. Note the position of your fabric edge versus your needle that provides an accurate 1/4" seam. Use this for the rest of the piecing.

2. Turn the right-side-up unit clockwise so the added strip is on the right side. Stitch the remaining Light log to the top of the unit. Press the seam toward the added log. The unit should now measure 5" x 5" (2" x 2", 3-1/2" x 3-1/2", 6-1/2" x 6-1/2", 8" x 8"). If it does not, correct as described in Step 1.
3. Turn the right-side-up unit clockwise so the last added strip is on the right side. Stitch the shorter Dark log to the top of the unit. Press the seam toward the added log. The unit should now measure 6-1/2" x 5" (2-1/2" x 2", 4-1/2" x 3-1/2", 8-1/2" x 6-1/2", 10-1/2" x 8"). If it does not, correct as described in Step 1.
4. Turn the right-side-up unit clockwise so the last added strip is on the right side. Stitch the remaining Dark log to the top of the unit. Press the seam toward the added log. The unit should now measure 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" (2-1/2" x 2-1/2", 4-1/2" x 4-1/2", 8-1/2" x 8-1/2", 10-1/2" x 10-1/2"). If it does not, correct as described in Step 1.
5. Turn the right-side-up unit clockwise so the last added strip is on the right side. Stitch the shorter Lightest log to the top of the unit. Press the seam toward the added log. The unit should now measure 8" x 6-1/2" (3" x 2-1/2", 5-1/2" x 4-1/2", 10-1/2" x 8-1/2", 13" x 10-1/2"). If it does not, correct as described in Step 1.
6. Turn the right-side-up unit clockwise so the last added strip is on the right side. Stitch the remaining Lightest log to the top of the unit. Press the seam toward the added log. The unit should now measure 8" x 8" (3" x 3", 5-1/2" x 5-1/2", 10-1/2" x 10-1/2", 13" x 13"). If it does not, correct as described in Step 1.
7. Turn the right-side-up unit clockwise so the last added strip is on the right side. Stitch the shorter Medium log to the top of the unit. Press the seam toward the added log. The unit should now measure 9-1/2" x 8" (3-1/2" x 3", 6-1/2" x 5-1/2", 12-1/2" x 10-1/2", 15-1/2" x 13"). If it does not, correct as described in Step 1.
8. Turn the right-side-up unit clockwise so the last added strip is on the right side. Stitch the remaining Medium log to the top of the unit. Press the seam toward the added log. The unit should now measure 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" (3-1/2" x 3-1/2", 6-1/2" x 6-1/2", 12-1/2" x 12-1/2", 15-1/2" x 15-1/2"). If it does not, correct as described in Step 1.
9. Your Log Cabin block should be complete and measure 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" (3-1/2" x 3-1/2", 6-1/2" x 6-1/2", 12-1/2" x 12-1/2", 15-1/2" x 15-1/2") if you have sewn perfect 1/4" seams.