

Grand Quilt Guild

Block of the Month

2021-2022

Month	January 2022
Block	Log Cabin
Presented By	Marg Wiley
Skills	Accurate cutting Accurate piecing and chain piecing Using contrast to create a pleasing project

Introduction

- The original log cabin has a centre square of either red or yellow to symbolize the hearth or lantern in the home. The block features a dark side and a light side.
- The traditional log cabin is fun, simple, easy to sew and great for scrappy quilts too. It reinforces basic skills and challenges both the beginner and intermediate quilter to be creative with both colour and design.

Examples of Log Cabin Blocks

- This is an example of the traditional log cabin block. Red in the centre, light strips on one side and dark on the other. (from Scrapish.com)
- This cute Santa bottle topper is a variation of the log cabin block. (from Pinterest)



- Small project using different sizes of blocks- Log table runner
(Company's Coming Learn to Quilt Table Runners and Placemats)



- Log Cabin Placemats



Examples of Layouts

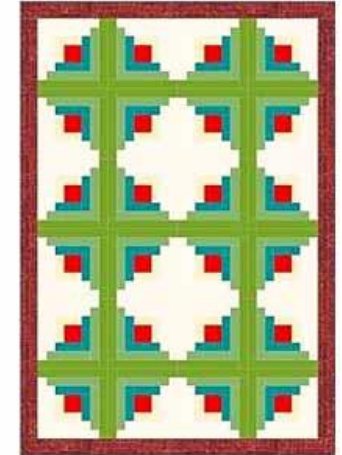
- When you are ready to assemble a full size quilt, the blocks can be arranged in many different ways. This is just a sample of a few options, from the Quilt Social Website.



Straight setting



Fields & Furrows



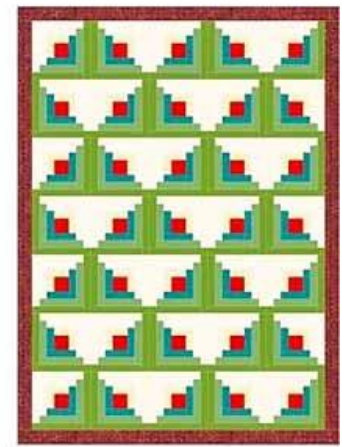
Sunshine & Shadows



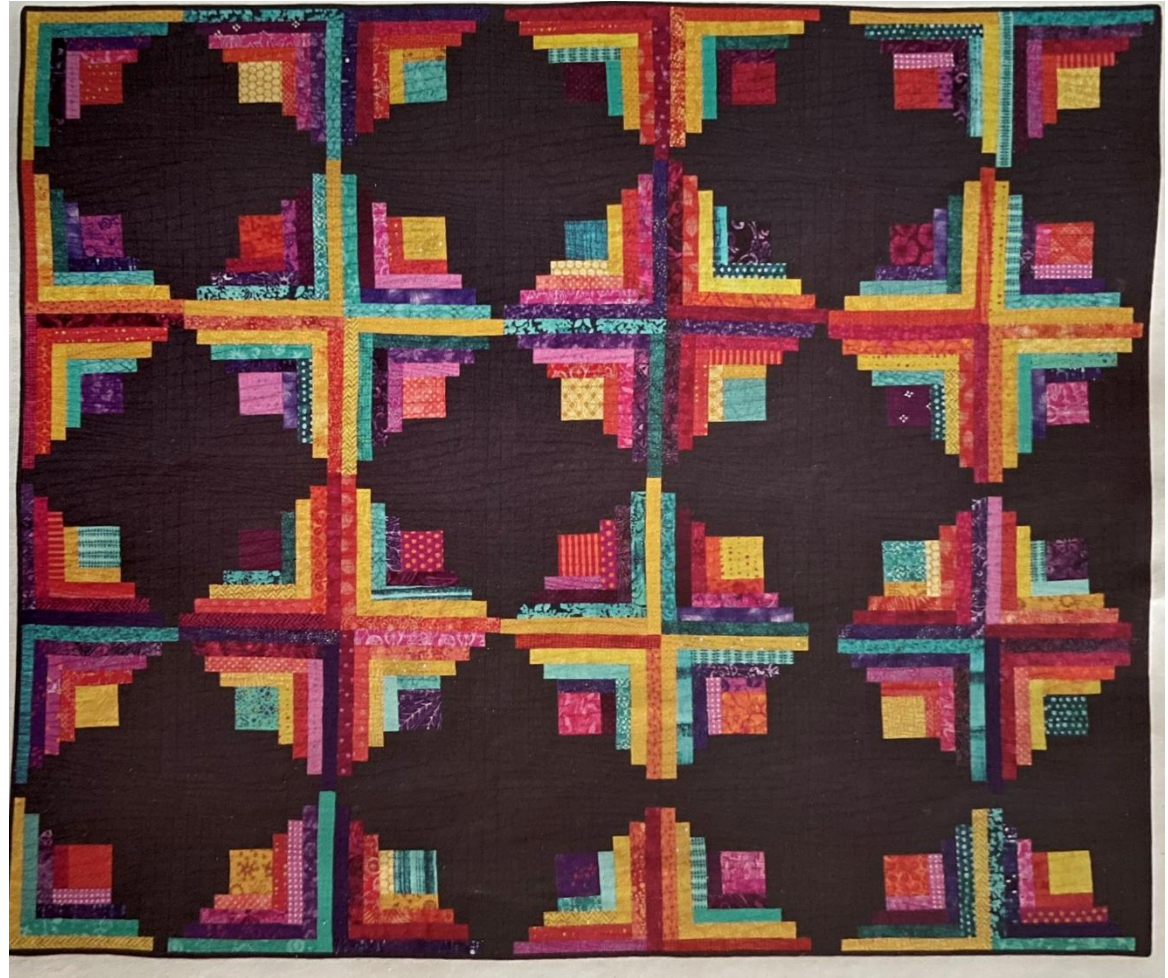
Barn raising



Chevron

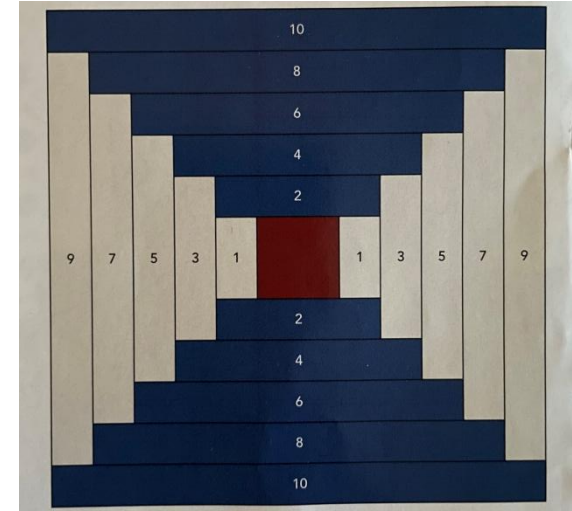


- A completely different look with colour saturation.



Variations of Log Cabin Blocks

- Courthouse Steps Block is a traditional variation but other variations include:
- Half log cabin
- Curvy log cabin: Make your light strips thinner than your dark strips to get a curved log cabin, as in this quilt by .Brenda Dagg
- Improv Blocks use different sizes of logs or alter the number of logs or create a wonky block by sewing logs on angles



Tips, tools and techniques

- Try it with scrappy and have a beautiful surprise when assembled. Mix and match scale, colour, pattern and texture. Addition colours, one palette for the light side and one for the dark side. Value is what makes this log unique. To make a 12 inch finished block, 12 ½ inch unfinished block cut a set of each-2 ½ inch square for the centre, 2 ½ by 4 ½, 2 ½ by 6 ½, 2 ½ by 8 ½, 2 ½ by 10 ½, 2 ½ by 12 ½
- Check the ¼ inch machine setting and keep this setting for every block
- Try an unusual layout or design your own. Maybe place on point, or alternate with blocks of a different pattern. Experiment with borders Use log cabin blocks as corner posts.

Resources

Books

- Company's Coming, Learn to Quilt Table Runners and Placemats
- Canadian Quilter Spring 2021
- Quilts from The Quiltmaker's Gift

Internet

- shopmartindale.com
- ablockaway.com
- AllPeopleQuilt.com
- Quilter's World.com
- Pinterest
- Jenny Doane (YouTube)