

THE GRAND QUILT GUILD

ROW BY ROW PROJECT 2024 – 2025

BLOCK # 7 April 9, 2025 Due May 9, 2025

LOG CABIN QUILT BLOCK



This is an incredibly iconic quilt block, and a very old one to boot. Although the Isle of White takes credit for inventing this block, it first appeared in America during the Civil War associated with Abe Lincoln (having been born in a log cabin).

This same design has been found on the mummy cases of pet cats in Ancient Egypt. So who knows.

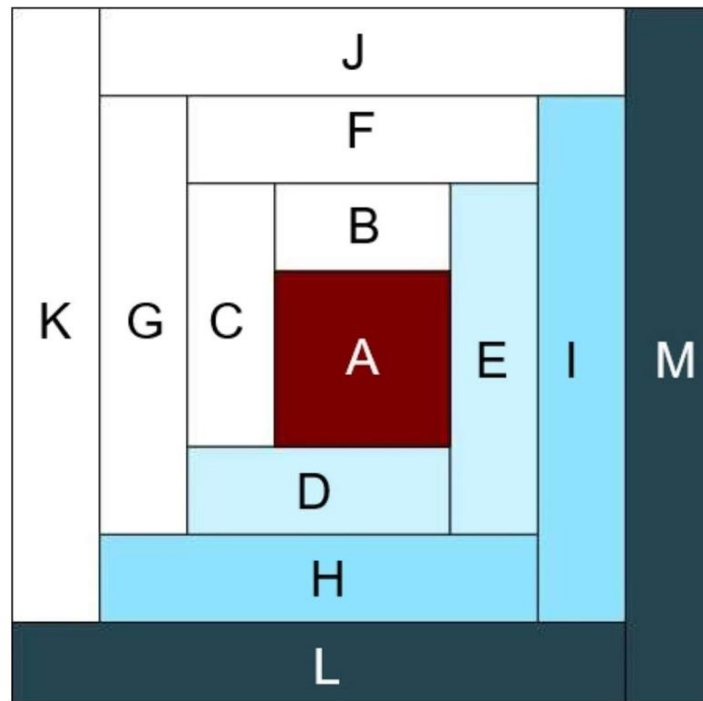
This traditional log cabin design is sewn by adding strips in a counterclockwise (or clockwise) direction around a center square. Traditionally the center square was red, designating the center of the home – the hearth. Strips on one side of the block are lighter than the other, creating a diagonal division in the finished block.

Instructions are for one 6 inch (6 ½ unfinished) block. All seams are ¼ inch.

Materials:

- ✓ Fabrics of two hues/values ie either dark/medium or light or either cool and warm enabling the fabrics to contrast.

LAYOUT FOR BLOCK



- The fabric strips are sewn around the center red square in a counter clockwise direction. Cut the strips in the following:

For A 1 x 2" square

From the light fabrics cut:

B 1 ¼ x 2

C 1 ¼ x 2 ¾

F 1 ¼ x 3 ½

G 1 ¼ x 4 ¼

J 1 ¼ x 5

K 1 ¼ x 5 ¾

From the dark/medium fabrics cut:

D 1 ¼ x 2 ¾

E 1 ¼ x 3 ½

H 1 ¼ x 4 ¼

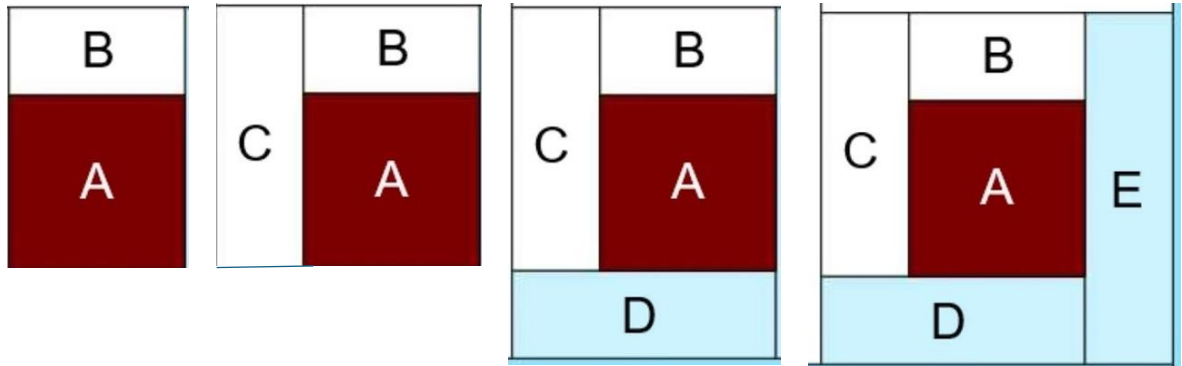
I 1 ¼ x 5

L 1 ¼ x 5 ¾

M 1 ¼ x 6 ½

ASSEMBLY:

- Stitch B to the top of center A
- Stitch C to left of A/B
- Stitch D to the bottom of C/A
- Stitch E to the right of D/A/B
- Continue to add the strips following the above diagram



- Accuracy is vital to the outcome of this block
- Check your $\frac{1}{4}$ seam allowance
- Press each seam (usually toward the darker fabric)

As with many classic quilt blocks there are many layout designs to change up the original layout.

As always any issues with this block please contact me at

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The next sew session for this block will be April 26 (9 – 12) at my house

2 Burnett Court Fergus (just up the street from Freshco off 19th side road)

LOG CABIN QUILT BLOCK LAYOUTS

