

How to Make a Perfect Log Cabin Quilt Block Tutorial Printable PDF

Among the plethora of quilt designs, the Log Cabin quilt block stands as an enduring symbol of tradition, warmth, and innovation. With its geometric precision and captivating arrangement of fabric, this pattern weaves together a tapestry of history and artistry, making it a beloved choice for quilters of all skill levels.

Jelly Roll Pack Friendly Pattern

Perfect use of jelly roll packs. They are already cut into 2 1/2 inch strips. It makes this sewing project quick as you really could sew each strip as indicated by the diagram. Then trim any extra length off.

However, we have the length for each strip indicated. This helps especially when you want to prep ahead of time and quickly sew this block together.

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Skill Level

Easy pattern. This one is great for a beginner quilter as there are no points to line up. Just start by sewing two squares together and start adding strips to the sides.

Quilt Block Name

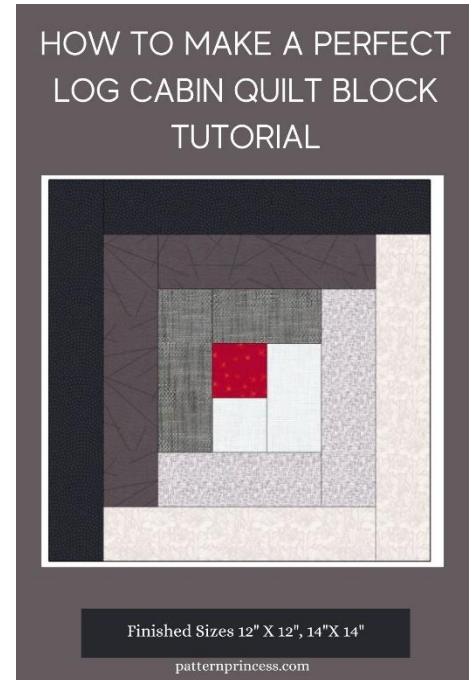
Log Cabin Quilt Block

Finished Block Size

14 inches, 14 ½ inches unfinished.

Equipment and Tools

- Rotary Cutter
- Quilting Ruler
- Cutting Mat
- Rotating Cutting Mat
- Iron
- Ironing Board or Pressing Mat



- Pins
- Clips
- Sewing Machine

Pattern Notes

All seams are 1/4 inch unless otherwise noted.

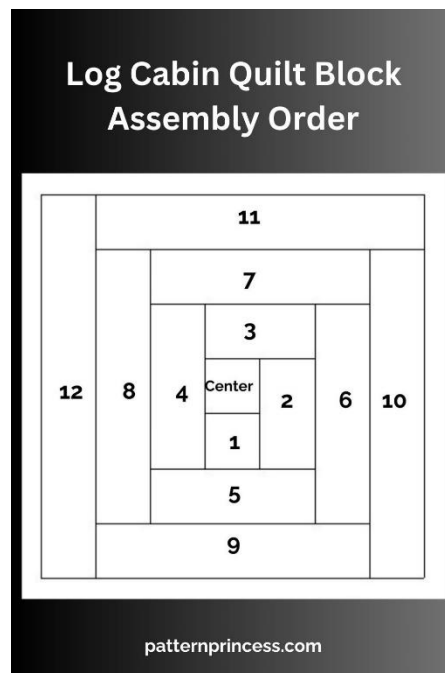
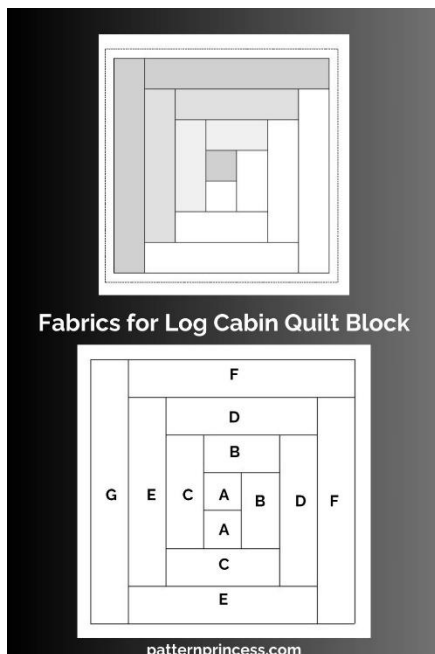
Add the strips working counterclockwise.

For the sake of this tutorial, I'm showing you exact measurements, but I recommend adding a little extra length to your strips when cutting them. Once attached, trim away the excess after adding each strip to the block.

A time saving technique is to use the add-and-trim method. This is a quick way to attach longer strips. Instead of trimming the fabric strips into exact sizes, or nearly exact. You simply add a new strip to the block and trim away the excess after sewing the strip on.

General Fabric Requirements for Each Quilt Block

In addition to your usual quilting supplies here are the fabric requirements.



Make Log Cabin Blocks

Step 1

Start by cutting the fabric into 2 1/2 inch strips to make the log cabin blocks.



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Exact Measurements for a 14-inch finished block.

Fabric A: 2 ½ X 2 ½ inches. Two of these, one in a light color and one in a dark color. (Center square and piece 1).

Fabric B: 4 ½ X 2 ½ inches. Two of these, one in a light color and one in a dark color. (Pieces 2 and 3).

Fabric C: 6 ½ X 2 ½ inches. Two of these, one in a light color and one in a dark color. (Pieces 4 and 5).

Fabric D: 8 ½ X 2 ½ inches. Two of these, one in a light color and one in a dark color. (Pieces 6 and 7).

Fabric E: 10 ½ X 2 ½ inches. Two of these, one in a light color and one in a dark color. (Pieces 8 and 9).

Fabric F: 12 ½ X 2 ½ inches. Two of these, one in a light color and one in a dark color. (Pieces 10 and 11).

Fabric G: 14 ½ X 2 ½ inches. One strip in dark color (Piece 12).

Exact Measurements for a 12" block.

2 ½" Square. Quantity 2, Center Square and Piece 1

2 ½" X 4 ½" Strip. Quantity 2, 1 light and 1 dark fabric. Pieces 2 and 3

2 ½" X 6 ½" Strip. Quantity 2, 1 light and 1 dark fabric. Pieces 4 and 5

2 ½" X 8 ½" Strip. Quantity 2, 1 light and 1 dark fabric. Pieces 6 and 7

2 ½" X 10 ½" Strip. Quantity 2, 1 light and 1 dark fabric. Pieces 8 and 9

2 ½" X 12 ½" Strip. Quantity 1, 1 light fabric. Piece 10



How to Make a Perfect Log Cabin Quilt Block Diagram

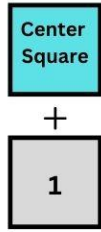


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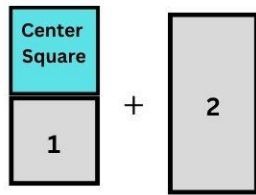


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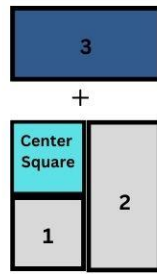


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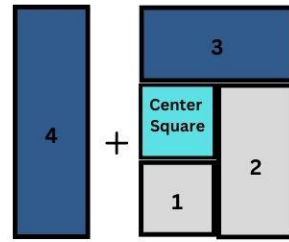


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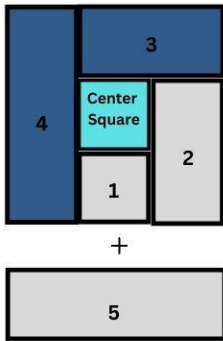


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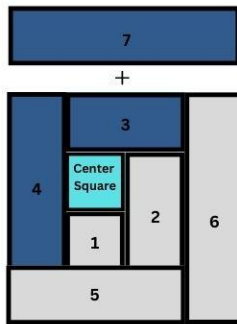


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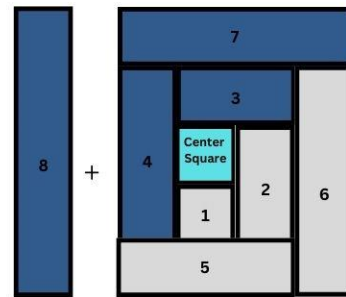


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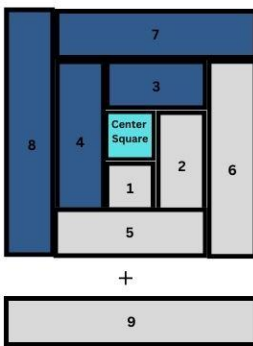


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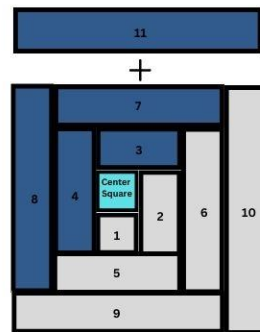


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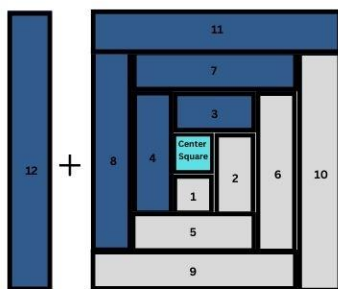


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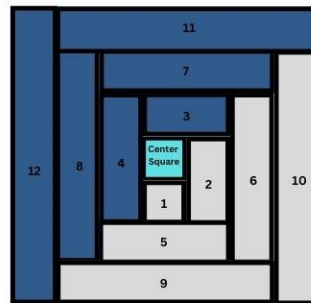


Figure 12

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Step 2: Log Cabin Block Assembly

Once all the fabric lengths are cut from the 2.5 inch strips, begin sewing them together.

To speed up the process of adding strips around the center square and building the quilt block, lay out the strips for the logs on a table next to your sewing machine. Print the assembly diagrams to help you keep the pieces in order.

Place the Center Square and the 2 1/2" Piece 1 square Right Sides Together (RST) and sew a 1/4" seam along one side.

Press seam allowance away from the center.

Working counterclockwise select the lighter fabric 2 1/2" X 4 1/2" rectangle, Piece 2. Place it right side together according to Figure 2 on the Assembly Diagram; note placement.

Trim as needed. Press seam allowance to the outside.

Continue with Piece 3, the darker fabric 2 1/2" X 4 1/2" rectangle. Place it right side together according to Figure 3 on the Assembly Diagram.

Trim as needed. Press seam allowance to the outside.

Continue repeating these steps. Adding logs in order as outlined in the diagrams.

Trim any strip hanging over the edge as needed as you continue turning the block and adding the light and dark strips in an alternating pattern.

Square your block if needed once all the strips have been added.

We hope that you have enjoyed this lovely quilt pattern.

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