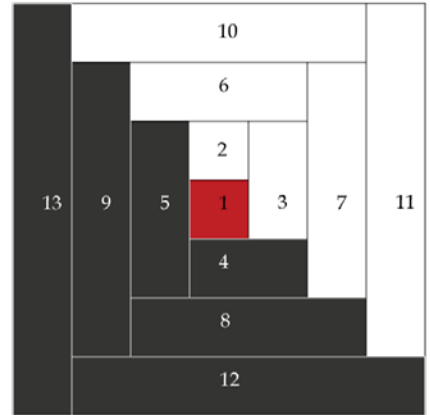


February 2011 BOM – Log Cabin (11 “ x 11 ” block, unfinished)

The Log Cabin Block is one of the all-time favourite quilt patterns, popular from the mid-1800’s to the present. In this unique type of strip block, narrow fabric strips or logs surround the centre square, which is believed to represent the heart of the home. According to quilt lore, the red square symbolizes a chimney; a yellow square represents a lantern in the window. Historically, the quilt tops were tied to a lining or backing at the corners of the blocks.



The Log Cabin block begins with a center square which is surrounded by "logs". The logs are joined to the block in a circular fashion starting with shorter logs and working out to the longer ones. The logs are joined in a circular fashion with the block being rotated 90° counter-clockwise after each log is joined. The current log being joined is always started on the log that was last joined to the block (i.e. the last log joined is on the left).

Fabric Requirements:

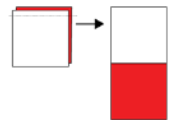
You will need to choose a red fabric for the centre, dark fabrics and light fabrics. The dark fabric should be black with white. The light fabrics should be white with black.

Log #	Colour	Dimension
1	Red	2 “ x 2 “
2	Light	2 “ x 2 “
3	Light	3 ½ “ x 2 “
4	Dark	3 ½ “ x 2 “
5	Dark	5 “ x 2 “
6	Light	5 “ x 2 “
7	Light	6 ½ “ x 2 “

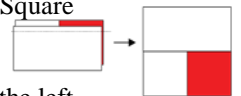
Log #	Colour	Dimension
8	Dark	6 ½ “ x 2 “
9	Dark	8 “ x 2 “
10	Light	8 “ x 2 “
11	Light	9 ½ “ x 2 “
12	Dark	9 ½ “ x 2 “
13	Dark	11 “ x 2 “

Instructions:

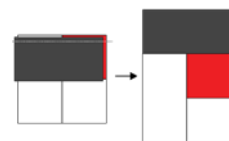
Step 1: Starting with red log #1 and light log #2, right sides facing, sew a scant ¼ “ seam. Press seam toward the light fabric.



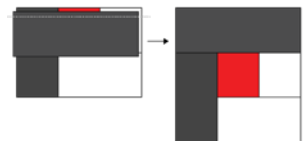
Step 2: Turn the block unit 90° counter-clockwise, so that the log added in the previous step is on the left. With right sides facing, sew a light log #3 to the unit. Press seam toward the piece you just added. Square off as needed.



Step 3: Turn the block unit 90° counter-clockwise, so that the log added in the previous step is on the left. With right sides facing and using a scant ¼ “ seam, sew dark log #4 to the unit. Press seam toward the piece you just added. Square off as needed.



Step 4: Turn the block unit 90° counter-clockwise, so that the log added in the previous step is on the left. With right sides facing and using a scant ¼ “ seam, sew dark log #5 to the unit. Press seam toward the piece you just added. Square off as needed.



Continue adding strips as outlined in Step 1, 2, 3 and 4, alternating adding 2 light logs followed by 2 dark logs, until you have all 13 pieces sewn onto the unit. When completed your block will measure 11 “ x 11 “.