

BUILDING BLOCKS

A Log Cabin Pattern for 2 ½" Strips written by Donna Jordan
Finished Size: 62 x 69"



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Fabric Requirements:

40 Strips cut at 2 ½" WOF

First border: ½ yard

Second border: ½ yard

Outside border: 1 yard

Binding: ¾ yard

Backing: 4 yards

Cutting Instructions:

Sew all seams with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Step 1. Select 18 of the dark fabric strips.

- Take 9 of the dark strips, and from each strip 1 – $16\frac{1}{2}$ " segment, 1 – $10\frac{1}{2}$ " segment, and 1 – 13" segment.
- Take 9 of the dark strips, and from each strip 1 – $14\frac{1}{2}$ " segment, 1 – $12\frac{1}{2}$ " segment, and 1 – 13" segment.

Step 2. Select 18 of the light fabric strips.

- Take 9 of the light strips, and from each strip 1 – $14\frac{1}{2}$ " segment, 1 – $8\frac{1}{2}$ " segment, and 1 – 13" segment.
- Take 9 of the light strips, and from each strip 1 – $12\frac{1}{2}$ " segment, 1 – $10\frac{1}{2}$ " segment, and 1 – 13" segment.

Step 3. Take a light and a dark 13" segment and sew together along the long edge. Repeat with the remaining light and dark 13" segments so you have 18 units. Press all seams towards the darker fabrics. Take 2 of these units and stitch together along the long side so that the resulting unit is 4 strips wide and alternating light/dark/light/dark. You will now have 9 units. Press seam towards the darker strip.

Place strip unit on cutting mat and cut 4 – $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip units (see diagram below). Take 4 different strip units, alternate the darks and lights checkerboard style, and stitch rows together. Press seams to one side. This is now the "center square unit" of your Log Cabin Block.

Step 4. Starting with an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " light strip, and using the dark/light shading as shown in the diagram below, stitch the "logs" onto a center square unit. Use a variety of different prints in each block. Press seams away from the center. Repeat to make 9 Log Cabin blocks. Stitch blocks together as shown in the pictured quilt on the front of this pattern.

Step 5. From the first border fabrics – cut 3 strips at 4" WOF (WOF means *width of fabric*). Sew all strips together at the short edges to make one long continuous strip. Sew onto the top and bottom of the quilt. Repeat the process with the second border –

cut 6 strips at 2 1/2" WOF and stitch around all 4 sides of the quilt. Repeat the process with the outside border fabric – cut 7 strips 4 3/4" WOF. Quilt, bind, and enjoy!



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