

STARRY LOG CABIN

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Finished Size: 41 x 58"



Fabric Requirements:

1 Jelly Roll

Light Border Fabric: 1 yard

Binding: 1/2 yard

Backing: 2 1/2 yards

Cutting Instructions:

Take 6 darker strips cut the following from each one: 1 – 16 ½" segment, 1 – 10 ½" segment, and 4 – 2 ½" squares.

Take 6 darker strips cut the following from each one: 1 – 14 ½ segments", 1 – 12 ½" segments, and 4 – 2 ½" squares.

From remaining darker or medium strips, cut a *total* of 20 – 2 ½" squares. You can get all the squares from just 2 strips, but I used 8 strips to get a bigger variety of prints.

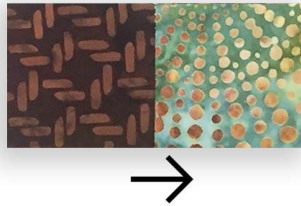
Take 6 lighter strips cut the following from each one: 1 – 14 ½" segment, and 1 – 8 ½" segments, and 4 – 2 ½" squares.

Take 6 lighter strips cut the following from each one: 1 – 12 ½" segment and 1 – 10 ½" segments, and 4 – 2 ½" squares.

Take 3 lighter strips cut each into 8 – 4 ½" segments for stars.

Sewing Instructions:

Take a variety of the 2 ½" dark and medium squares and stitch them into 12 units as shown below:

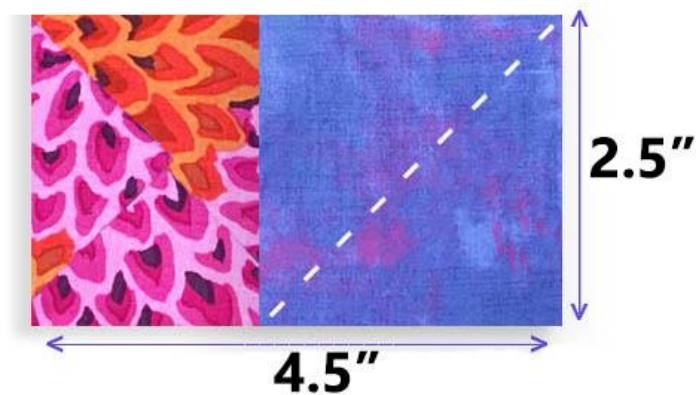


Take two of the above units and stitch together as shown below, alternating the direction that the seam allowance is pressed for a total of 6 blocks that measure 4 ½" square.

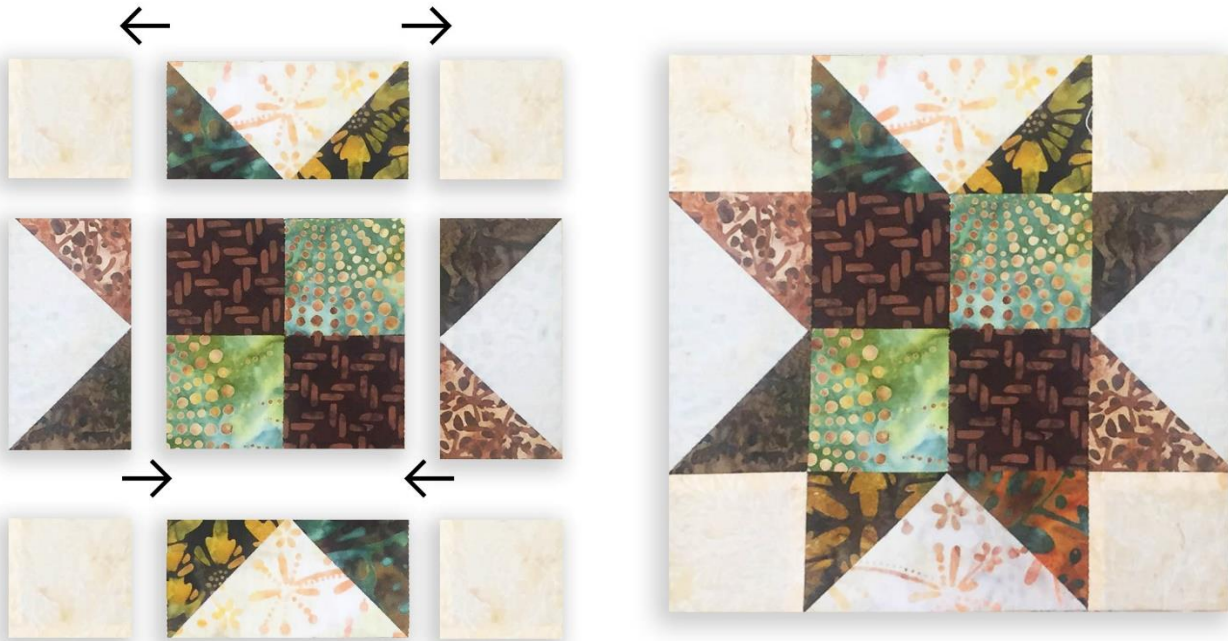


Flying Geese units for star points:

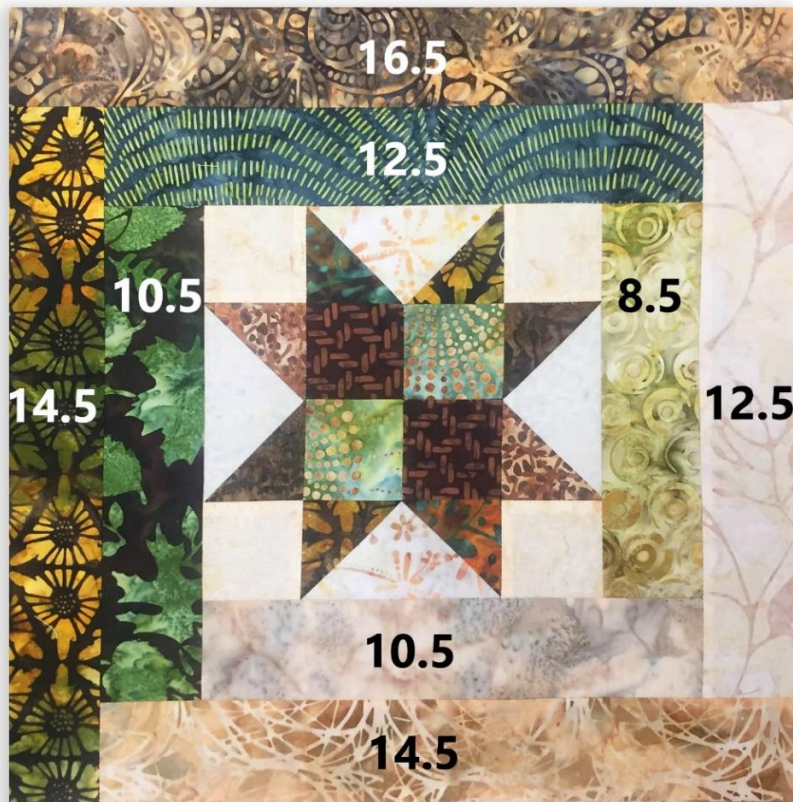
Select 48 of the darker 2 1/2" squares. On the backside of each, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Place one square on the lower right corner of the 2 1/2 x 4 1/2" light rectangles with right sides together. Sew along the drawn line. Fold the top half of the square along the stitching line and steam press flat. The corners of the square and the rectangle background should match. Open up the fold and trim off the lower 2 layers leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Now place a second square on the lower left corner of the rectangle unit. Stitch along the drawn line. Fold the top half, iron, and trim as you did with the right-side square. Repeat the process with the remaining star points to make a total of 24 units.



Using the picture of the star block below, lay out the light 2 ½" corner squares, the rectangle star point units, and the center square. Stitch all into rows, and the rows into the block. Finger-press the seam allowances to one side as you stitch each seam in the direction indicated by the arrows below. When the blocks are completed, iron first from the back side to keep seam allowances flat, then from the front side. Repeat with remaining 5 blocks.



Stitch the light 8 ½" segment onto one side of the star block. Continue stitching light and dark pieces onto the block using the picture below as a guide.

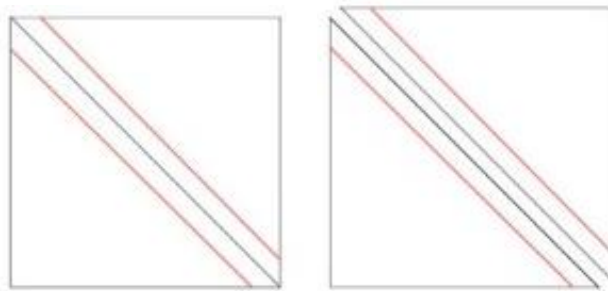


Lay the 6 completed blocks out as shown in the picture below and stitch together:



Pinwheel Border:

To make the half-square triangles, take 20 light 2 ½" squares and draw a diagonal line on the back of each as shown below (the red lines are the stitching lines, and the black line is the drawn line). Put a light square on top of a dark square, right sides together and stitch ¼" away from the drawn line. Repeat on the other side of the line. Cut along the drawn line to yield two half square triangles. Open the half square triangle units and press seam allowance toward the darker fabric. Trim "dog ears" if desired. Repeat the process with the remaining squares to make a total of 40 squares.



Take 4 of the triangle units and lay them out to make a pinwheel as shown in the diagram below, stitch together, and press the seam allowances to one side:



From the Light Border fabric, cut 2 strips 3 1/2" WOF. Cut into 20 - 3 1/2" squares. Cut each square in half once along the diagonal. You will now have 40 triangles. Sew 1 triangle to each side of your pinwheel block, making sure to center it. Iron all seam allowances away from the center. Trim your block to 5". Repeat to make a total of 10 Pinwheel blocks.



From remaining light border fabric, cut 5 strips at 5" WOF. From 1 strip, cut 2 – 12 1/4" segments. From 4 strips, cut 2 – 14 3/8" segments. Make the side borders using the diagram below and stitch onto each side of the quilt first, then make the top borders and stitch onto the top and bottom of the quilt:



Quilt, bind, and enjoy!



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