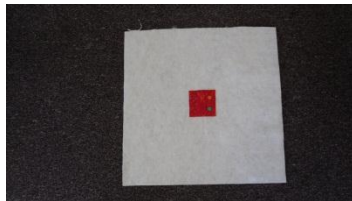


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### Log Cabin Quilt as You Go

Place 13" square backing fabric right side down on surface. Layer the 13" square batting on top of the backing. Find the center by folding layers from corner to corner about 4" and pressing both ways. You are ready to build your block.

1. Place the bright fabric in the center aligning the corners of the 2 1/2" square with the pressed lines. Pin in place keeping the pins out of the sewing line.



2. Place a 2 1/2" square of light fabric on the Red fabric and sew on the right side with a 1/4" seam. **\*\*Always pull up the back thread, cut about 1" long and tuck behind the seam, then flip new piece out, finger press & pin.**



3. Measure the length and cut the next light fabric, place it on top of both pieces with right sides together. Stitch with 1/4" seam. \*\*



4. Place your first dark fabric along the left side of red & white, cut to length, sew, flip, press & pin. \*\* Add the same dark as shown in picture.



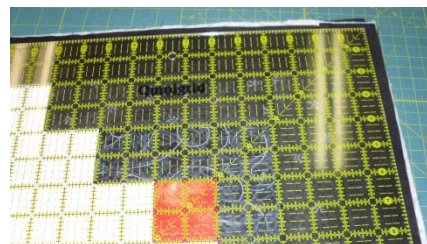
5. Place your second light fabric on right side of the block, cut to length, sew, flip, press & pin. \*\* Add the same dark as shown in picture.



6. Continue in this method until your block is completed. The outer strips are 2 3/4" wide to help with trueing up the block.



7. True up the block to 14" keeping the red fabric in center. Cut right side & top then turn block around to cut the rest.



The block is now completed.

Prepare all of the blocks for the size quilt you desire. The border blocks & corners are prepared by layering the backing, batting and top fabric. Quilt as desired.

Prepare the top sashing by pressing down the middle of the 1 3/4" strip lengthwise, then turn both edges toward the pressed line (like bias tape) and press again.



8. Place two blocks side by side. Pick up the left block and place the back sashing 1 1/2" strip with right sides together to the back side of your block. Sew with 3/8" seam. Trim off even with block at top and bottom.

9. Add the next block to the sashing strip with right sides together to the back side of your second block. Sew with 3/8" seam. Open the two blocks flat with right sides up. They should meet exactly.



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10. Place the top sashing strip over the joining area and stitch over the seam from the back sashing. You can use a straight stitch or any open and airy decorative stitch.



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11. Create your border blocks by layering your fabric: backing, batting & top in whatever design you choose. The picture below was done in strips, flip & sew as was the blocks.

They can be one piece, quilted as desired. Your border blocks can be whatever width you want but the length of them must match the size of your blocks.

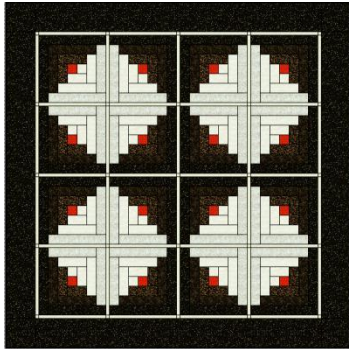
12. Join row by row beginning with top border and left and right corners. Connect the sashing strips together till you get the width of the quilt then connect (sash) the rows the same way you did the blocks etc.



This is one way you can place the blocks for the design in this picture. Notice that all the sashing in one color (because all of the sashings touched a black piece).

Alternate design:

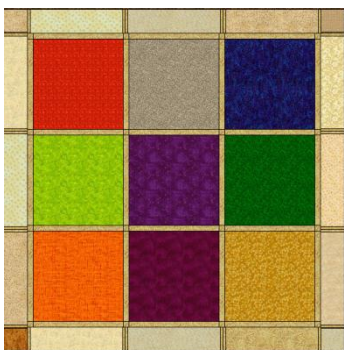
Choose your top sashing according to the color of your blocks you are joining. In some areas you may need a different color for the look of your design.



Alternate design

You can place your blocks in any design made for the log cabin, there are many to choose from.

Your backing may also be varied by using a different backing for each block, some of the blocks or every other block and choose a contrasting color for your back sashing (your bobbin thread should match or blend with your backing color). The thread will show on the back when you stitch the top sashing down. This cannot be helped.



back sample

13. The last item is the binding. You will need enough binding to go around your quilt. Measure your quilt: width x 2, length x 2 + 12" for mitering corners. This is the 2 1/2 to 2 3/4" strips. Choose how you want to bind. You can use the conventional method, sewing on top with 3/8" seam and finishing on back with a slip stitch by hand, or you can sew binding to the back of the quilt and finish on top with the same stitch you used on sashing (or a zig-zag).