



## MARCH 2008 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### *Rooftops Log Cabin*

Turn in at April meeting

**A variation on the traditional Log Cabin block, see a roof-top, centered on a chimney, and with a gutter (that forms sashing when the blocks are put together!)**

**Techniques:** Traditional piecing or strip piecing a log cabin block

**Block size:** 10-1/2 inch unfinished

**Colors:** Think SPRING! Pastels, spring-like florals, small prints, solids, tones on tones. Your chimney can be darker or lighter, and how you distribute the values in your fabrics is up to you. Just THINK SPRING.

**Cutting:** Make your block either by cutting every piece to size or using the strip-piecing method.

1. Traditional (precut patches) – all rectangles are 1-1/2 inches wide except the gutter pieces which are 1-inch wide
  - o Center square: 1-1/2 inch square
  - o First round, all 1-1/2 inches wide: one 1-1/2 inch square; two 2-1/2 rectangles; one 3-1/2 inch rectangle
  - o Second round, all 1-1/2 inches wide : one 3-1/2 inch rectangle; two 4-1/2 inch rectangles; one 5-1/2 inch rectangle
  - o Third round, all 1-1/2 inches wide: one 5-1/2 inch rectangle; two 6-1/2 inch rectangles; one 7-1/2 inch rectangle
  - o Fourth round, all 1-1/2 inches wide: one 7-1/2 inch rectangle; two 8-1/2 inch rectangles; one 9-1/2 inch rectangle
  - o Fifth round (the “gutter”), all **1-inch wide**: one 9-1/2 inch rectangle; two 10 inch rectangles; and one 10-1/2 inch rectangle
2. Strip Piecing method (for one block)
  - o Cut all strips except the outer (“gutter”) strip at 1-1/2 inches wide. For the gutter strip, cut 1 inch wide.
  - o Follow instructions for strip-piecing a log cabin block given in the September 2007 BOM instructions on the GSQ website

**Construction:**

The construction is identical to a traditional log cabin block, except that you use four strips of each color consecutively, instead of switching between lights and darks.