



APRIL 2008 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Stepping Through the Log Cabin

Turn in at May meeting

Techniques: Traditional piecing – it's a log cabin, with a difference. $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams.

Block size: 10-1/2 inch unfinished

Colors: 2 or 3 blues; 2 yellows; and 1 white/cream (with some kind of small pattern is great) for the "steps". Make sure there's a value difference between each of the blues and each of the yellows. Feel free to select fabrics that have touches of other colors

Cutting:

1. BLUES – 2 (darker, lighter) or 3 blues (darker, lighter, lightest)
 - a. For the center four-patch, from lighter/lightest blue, cut 2 squares 1-1/2 x 1-1/2
 - b. From darker blue, cut 1 square 2-1/2 x 2-1/2 and 1 rectangle 2-1/2 x 4-1/2
 - c. From lighter blue, cut 1 rectangle 2-1/2 x 6-1/2 and 1 rectangle 2-1/2 x 8-1/2
2. YELLOWS – 2 (darker, lighter)
 - a. From darker yellow, cut 1 square 2-1/2 x 2-1/2 and 1 rectangle 2-1/2 x 4-1/2
 - b. From lighter yellow, cut 1 rectangle 2-1/2 x 6-1/2 and 1 rectangle 2-1/2 x 8-1/2
3. WHITE/CREAM (steps)
 - a. For center four-patch, cut two (2) squares 1-1/2 x 1-1/2.
 - b. Cut 4 squares 2-1/2 x 2-1/2

Construction (press all seams away from center):

1. From 1-1/2 inch squares of lightest blue and white/cream, make four-patch.
2. Sew 2-1/2 inch square of darker blue to center four patch (A).
3. Sew 2-1/2 inch square of white/cream to 2-1/2 inch square of darker yellow. Press toward the yellow (B).
4. Sew A to B, lining the four patch with the yellow part of B to make C. Make sure the white/cream squares in the center are aligned from lower left to upper right (see picture above).
5. Sew darker yellow rectangle to C.
6. Sew 2-1/2 inch square of white/cream to rectangle of darker blue (D). Press to the blue.
7. Sew D to left side of C to make E.
8. Sew 2-1/2 x 6-1/2 rectangle of lighter blue to top of E to make F.
9. Sew 2-1/2 inch square of white/cream to 2-1/2 x 6-1/2 inch lighter yellow (G). Press to the yellow.
10. Sew G to right side of F to make H.
11. Sew 2-1/2 x 8-1/2 inch rectangle of lighter yellow to bottom of H to make I.
12. Sew 2-1/2 inch square of white/cream to 2-1/2 x 8-1/2 inch lighter blue to make (J). Press toward blue.
13. Sew J to left side of I to complete the block.