



MAY 2008 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Three-Dimensional Log Cabin

Turn in at June meeting

Techniques: Foundation piecing and “3D” folded fabric technique

Layout: YOUR CHOICE. Courthouse Steps (pictured) or Rooftop (like last month)

Block size: 10-1/2 inch unfinished

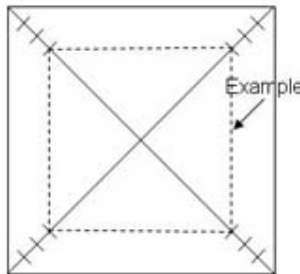
Colors: Reds, blacks and whites

Cutting: All log strips are cut at 3-inches wide, folded in half (like binding) but NOT pressed.

- Center square: 6-1/4 inches
- Round 1: 4 rectangles 3 x 6-1/4 inches
- Round 2: 4 rectangles 3 by 7-5/8 inches
- Round 3: 4 rectangles, 3 x 9 inches
- Round 4: 4 rectangles 3 x 10-1/2 inches

Construction:

1. Prepare the foundation square – use a pencil
 - a. Draw two lines diagonally corner to corner across the square to make an X
 - b. Starting at each corner, with a ruler, make a mark every inch for a total of three marks. You will use these to line up your strips to sew. *Note:* if it helps, draw lines between the marks to make squares on the foundation (see drawing below)



2. Place the center square right side up so that its corners touch all four diagonal lines (should match the third mark in from the corner) – this will center the square exactly. Pin in place.
3. Take your first 6-1/4 inch strip, folded in half, and lay it along the edge of the center square. Sew 1/4-inch seam.
4. With second 6-1/4 inch strip, repeat on the opposite side of the center square.
5. Lay the third 6-1/4 strip along the third edge of the center square, aligning the ends with the already sewn strips. Repeat for the fourth 6-1/4 strip on the final side.
6. From now on, you will align new strips with the marks on the foundation, NOT with strips already sewn.
7. Take first 7-5/8 strip and align the raw edges (not the fold) with the second marks in from the corner. Sew 1/4 inch seam. Repeat as in step 5.
8. Repeat with the 9 inch strips, aligning to the first marks in from the corner.
9. Repeat with the 10-1/2 inch strips, aligning to the edge of your 10-1/2 inch foundation.
10. Tack down the four corners of the last two strips added with a 1/8 inch short seam.