

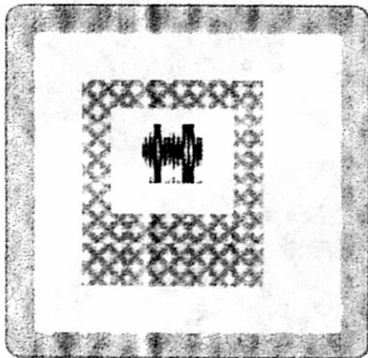


The Craftsy Block of the Month

with Amy Gibson

Modern Log Cabin Block Pattern

Block No. 9 – May



The nature of this block is extremely improvisational, with very little measuring or pre-cutting. You can almost count on your block not looking exactly like my sample block, and that's OK! Explore the idea of an entire quilt made of log cabin frame blocks, each unique and relatively unplanned. Dive into the excitement of designing the block (or letting it design itself!) as you stitch it.

Iron pressing (until the very end) and pinning are optional as well. Please add these steps if you like.

Materials

- Variety of scrap strips from the background fabric, as well as three or more print fabrics, ranging from 1" to 3" (2.5 cm to 7.5 cm) wide, and in a variety of lengths. If you don't have scraps, simply cut strips from the FQs or yardage you are working with. To save waste, you may cut as you go.

Construction

1. Cut a 2½" to 3" (6.5 cm to 7.5 cm) square for the center of your block. A "fussy cut" would be great here, e.g., a specific, centered motif from your fabric, such as an animal or an object.
2. Choose a small strip of background fabric in any width; align an end and side edge with your square, right sides together, and stitch ¼" (6 mm) along one side.
3. With the pieces still right sides together, use scissors or a rotary blade to trim the extended end of the background strip even with the edge of the original square.
4. Finger press the strip open, rotate your piece counterclockwise, and align another background strip (again, any width), perpendicular to the first, right sides together, and stitch ¼" (6 mm).