

Fish Baby Log Cabin



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Finished size: ~38" x 38"

The concept behind this design couldn't be simpler; a single log cabin block super-sized to create a top big enough for a baby quilt. Combine this simple idea with a variety of contrasting and similarly valued solids and you have a quilt that is direct, fresh, and very modern, but also feels entirely functional.

Materials:

Fabric:

Fat eighths of 4 different cotton solids

Fat quarters of 8 different cotton solids

1/2 yard of 1 cotton solid

1/4 yard of cotton solid for binding

1 1/4 yard of coordinating cotton fabric for backing

Other Supplies:

Rotary cutter

Self-healing mat

Coordinating machine sewing thread

Quilter's clear, acrylic ruler

Scissors

Pins

Iron

Quilt basting materials

Cotton batting measuring at least 45" x 45"

Coordinating machine or hand quilting thread

Hand sewing needle

Cutting the Quilt Top Fabric:

Note: Fabric measurements are listed for strips appearing from the center out. Some strips may need to be pieced to make length requirements. For instance my outermost strips were sewn out of same width strips to make lengths needed.

Cut the following:

Center Square: 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

4 strips measuring 1" x 2 1/2"
4 strips measuring 1 1/2" x 4 1/4"
4 strips measuring 1" x 5 1/4"
4 strips measuring 1" x 6 1/2"
4 strips measuring 2 1/2" x 10 1/2"
4 strips measuring 1 1/2" x 12 1/4"
4 strips measuring 1 1/4" x 13 1/4"
4 strips measuring 1 1/8" x 15"
4 strips measuring 1 1/4" x 16 1/2"
4 strips measuring 2 1/2" x 20 1/2"
4 strips measuring 1" x 21 1/2"
4 strips measuring 2 3/4" x 25 3/4"
4 strips measuring 1" x 26 1/4"
4 strips measuring 1 1/2" x 28 1/4"
4 strips measuring 2 1/4" x 31 1/2"
4 strips measuring 4 1/4" x 38 1/2"

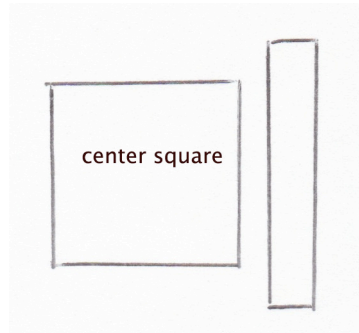
Cutting the Remaining fabric:

From cotton solid for binding, cut 1 1/2" strips

Making the Patchwork:

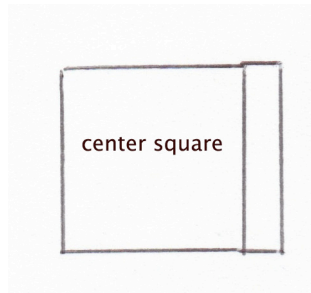
Note: All seam allowances are 1/4". Press seams to one side, alternating sides where seams intersect.

1. Working with center square and 1, 1" x 2 1/2" strip, pin strips to one side of center square, right sides together.

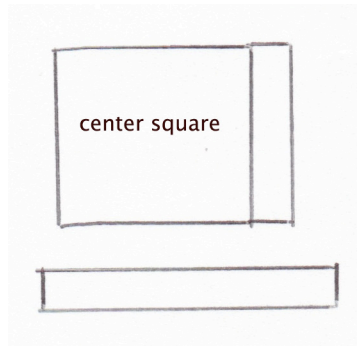


Note: Strip edge is longer than center square edge. After sewing, strip will be trimmed to same length as center square.

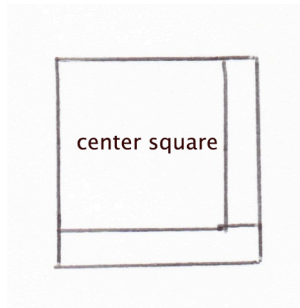
2. Sew together. Press seam. Trim as necessary.



3. Pin second strip to sewn pair, right sides together, so that is perpendicular to sewn pair.



4. Sew together. Press seam. Trim as necessary.



- 5. Continue pinning, sewing, and pressing strips until all four strips have been sewn to center square.**
- 6. Working with next set of strips (1 1/2" x 4 1/4"), pin one strip to sewn section, right sides together.**
- 7. Sew together. Press seam trim as necessary.**
- 8. Continue pinning, sewing, and pressing strips around sewn section until all four 1 1/2" x 4 1/4" strips are attached.**
- 9. Continue concentrically attaching differently sized strips, sewing together strips if necessary to create required length.**

Finishing the Quilt:

- 1. Layer backing fabric, wrong side facing up, batting, and Quilt top, right side facing up on flat surface.**
- 2. Baste layers together using preferred method.**
- 3. Hand or machine quilt as desired.**

Note: I free motion machine quilted the sample starting from the center and stitching in concentric swirls to the outer edges.

4. Trim layers flush
5. Sew binding strips together using diagonal seams.
6. Attach binding to front of quilt.
7. Hand stitch binding to back side remembering to turn under 1/4" seam allowance as you stitch.