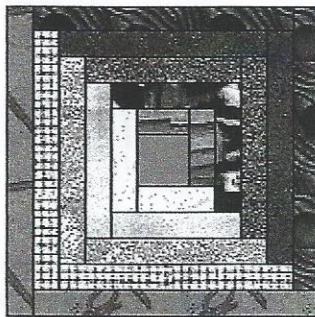


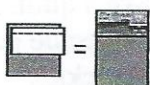
# Easy Log Cabin Block

This makes a 12" block!



You will need one Red 2-1/2" square AND and five LIGHT value fabrics of your choice, cut in 1-1/2" widths, plus five DARK value fabrics, cut in the same widths ...lengths of these strips will vary from 2-1/2" to 12-1/2"--to be safe, cut both lights and darks as long as you can.

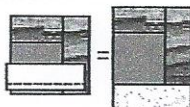
## \*\* Constructing the Block \*\*



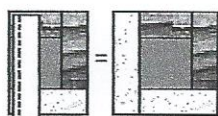
Starting with a 2 1/2" length of your first dark fabric, with right sides together, and using a scant 1/4" seam, sew this to the TOP of your center block. Square off end if needed. Press the seam to the outside ...



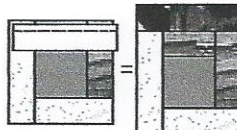
Then, add the second strip of your first dark to the right hand side of this new block...(about 3-1/2" long strip)



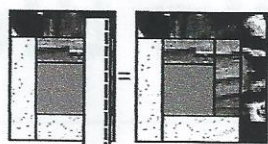
Working in a clockwise direction, continue to add strips...the next will be your first light fabric( about 3-1/2" long)...square off as needed...you will be adding two lights, two darks, two lights, two darks, etc...until you have five strips on each of the four sides surrounding the center "chimney"



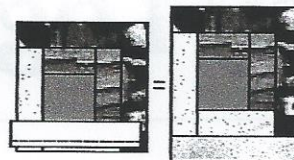
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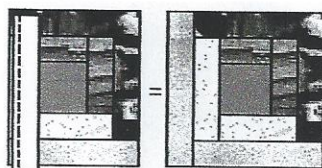
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...then...(about 5-1/2")



...then...( about 5-1/2")

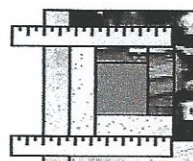


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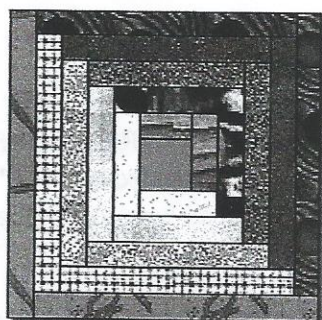
ETC!!! ETC!!!

(two each at about 6-1/2", 7-1/2", 8-1/2", 9-1/2", 11-1/2", and one at 12-1/2")

To keep yourself on track, you will want to measure your seams as you have added them now and again...If your seams haven't been sewn evenly, your block won't be even!!



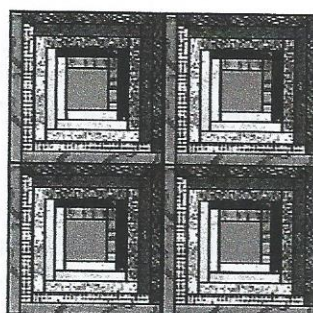
at this point, your last strip should measure 1 1/4" at the top and bottom!



At this point, having added all your strips...you have completed a Log Cabin Block!! If you will be making a pillow or a single block for a sampler quilt, you are Done!! Congratulations!!

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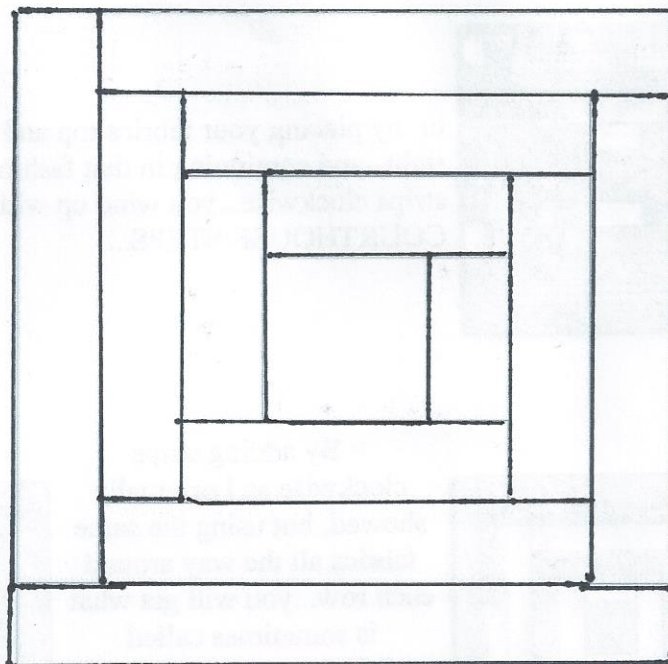
if you are going on to make a quilt...the fun is just beginning! Now, you get to decide how you will lay out your blocks...



What you decide will dramatically effect the appearance of your quilt!! Have fun with this!!!!

ANOTHER thing to consider, is that there are several ways in which you can piece Log Cabin to begin with.





This tutorial will show you how to make a log cabin quilt block that will be 8" square when finished. You can make your block larger or smaller by changing the width of your fabric strips, or by changing the number of fabric strips in your block.

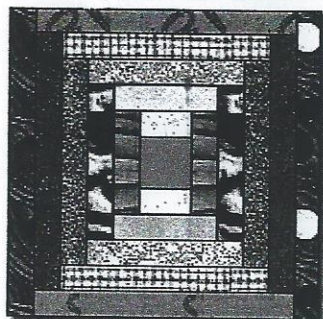
To make this block, you will need...

- One 2.5" square
- One 1.5" x 3" strip
- Two 1.5" x 3.5" strips
- Two 1.5" x 4.5" strips
- Two 1.5" x 5.5" strips
- Two 1.5" x 6.5" strips
- Two 1.5" x 7.5" strips
- One 1.5" x 8.5" strip

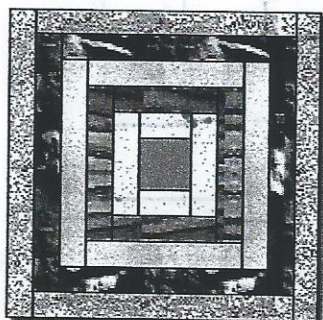
**Note:** These measurements include a 1/4" seam allowance on all sides!

If you are making a lot of these blocks, you may want to just make long fabric strips that are 1.5" wide, and cut them to size as you go. This method makes it easier to design your blocks as they take shape, rather than having to plan them out in advance.

Starting with the 2.5" square, stitch the strips around the sides one at a time. Start with the shortest strips and make your way to the longer ones. Remember to use a 1/4" seam allowance, which is standard for quilting. Keep checking that your seams are as square as possible while you sew, and make adjustments if you need to. Every strip of fabric you add should be flush with the rest of the block.

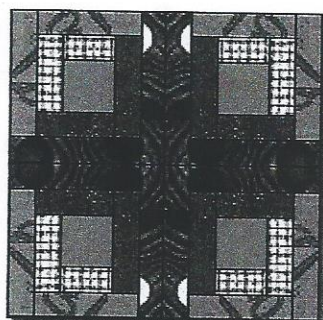
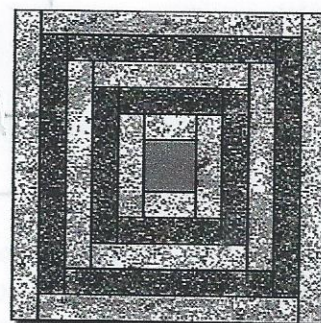


or, by piecing your fabrics top and bottom then left and right--and continuing in that fashion, rather than adding strips clockwise...you wind up with what is called **COURTHOUSE STEPS**...



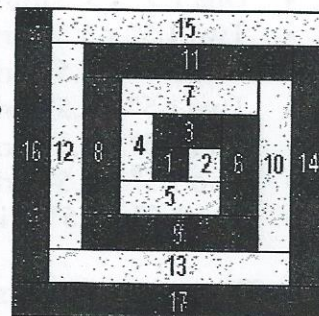
> By adding strips clockwise as I originally showed, but using the same fabrics all the way around each row...you will get what is sometimes called **AROUND THE WORLD**

...even more dramatic, perhaps, if done in less colors...>



<---OR, another choice, called a **LOG CABIN FOUR PATCH**, is done in quarter sections, by adding only two rows of contrasting fabrics to each of four center squares, then these four quarters are sewn together to make the block.

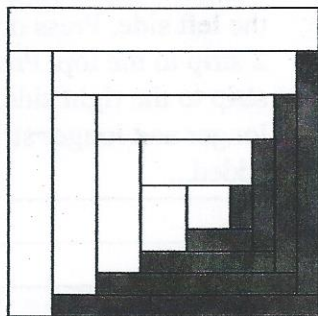
...Or you can Spiral the colors and make a **GREEK KEY!** (here the center square is the same width as the logs)



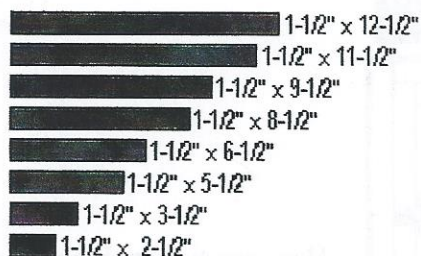


# Log Cabin Stars

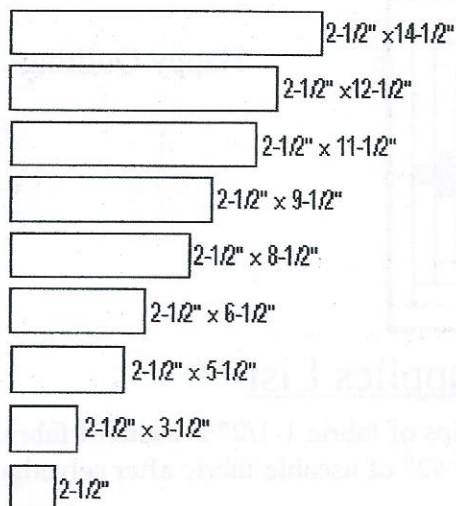
This makes a 14" block !



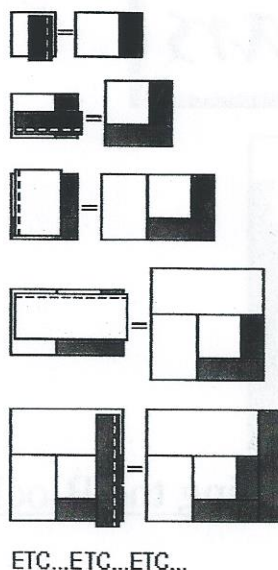
## **\*\* Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block \*\***



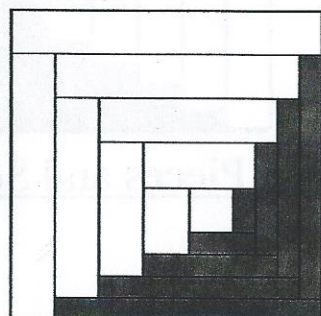
From your two strips of Color 1 fabric cut one each of the strips shown at left...



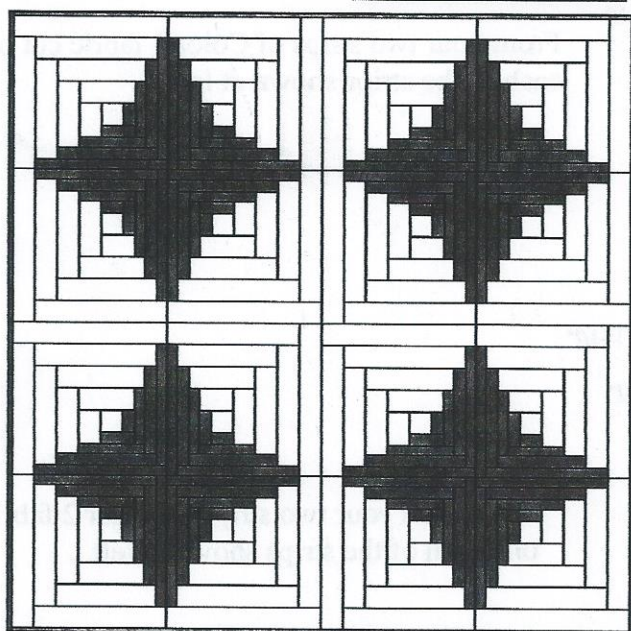
Then from your two strips of Color 2 fabric cut one each of the strips shown at left...



...Now we sew! Working clockwise around the center (Color 2 2-1/2") square, with a consistently accurate 1/4" seam, first add a Color 1 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" strip. Press out the seam and add the next longest Color 1 strip(3-1/2") to the bottom of that. Press out the seam and add the shortest Color 2 strip (3-1/2") to the left side. Press out that seam and add the next longest Color 2 strip to the top. Press that out and add the next longest Color 1 strip to the right side....and continue in this manner, adding longer and longer strips clockwise 'til all strips have been added...



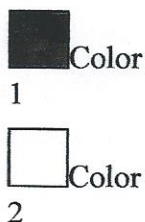
...and your block now looks like this!  
Finis! :o)



Here are sixteen blocks set in four groups of four, so that each group forms a star!

Happy Quilting!

### **\*\* Supplies List \*\***



Color 1 needs: 2 strips of fabric 1-1/2" x width of fabric (WOF) (-generally 42" of useable fabric after selvages are removed)

Color 2 needs: 2 strips of fabric 2-1/2" x WOF