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quilt along

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June:

## LOG CABIN

Well – what does everyone in Lake Country do in June?? From what I hear, head up to “the cabin” for the first time in the summer season – kids are getting out of school, weather is getting nice – let’s retreat to the cabin ;) This month’s block is a great way to use up any strip scraps you may have. We’ve got 2 more modern versions of the classic block this month – hope you like them!

**Assume exact  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” seam allowance.** Yields one beautiful 12.5” block.

### Block 1: Mod-4-patch-Log-Cabin

#### **Cutting:**

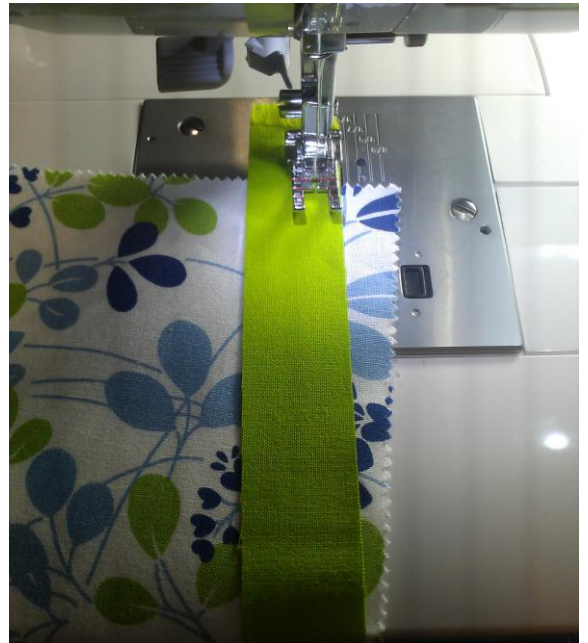
From background color, cut varying strips 1-1.5” wide

From color(s)/patterned fabrics (center squares) start with 5” squares (charm-sized square)

From colors (for framing rings) cut varying strips, 1”-2.5” in width

#### **Instructions:**

1. Lay a colored strip, any width, across one side of your square in a ‘wonky’ manner – so not perfectly parallel or in line with the edge. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” from the edge of the strip.



- Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seam allowance, removing excess of charm square.



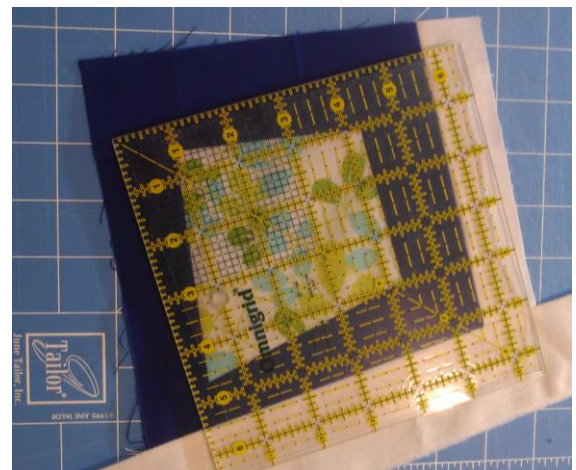
- Press seam toward darker fabric; trim excess strip ends *in line with the charm square edges*.



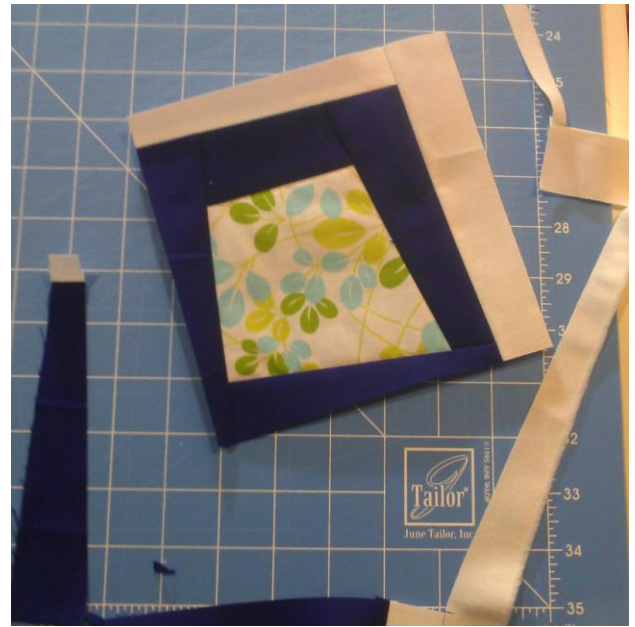
- Continue adding strips in the same wonky manner all the way around the square (I added in a clockwise fashion), sewing strips to the square unevenly, pressing, trimming the excess to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", then trimming the strips even with the charm square edges each time, until you have a wonky-shaped block, like this:



- To two sides of the wonky block, add a strip of background fabric**, as shown in the picture to the right. Press seam open or towards the darker fabric; trim block to 6.5" square. You can see here that I placed my ruler on my block in a super wonky fashion – just make sure that you have at least a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of bordering strip fabric around your charm before you cut/trim.



6. Here's what my trimmed up block looks like:



7. Repeat steps 1-6 to create 3 more block units, then join units with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam into a 12.5" block, as shown:



## Block Option #2: Wonky Courthouse Steps

### Cutting:

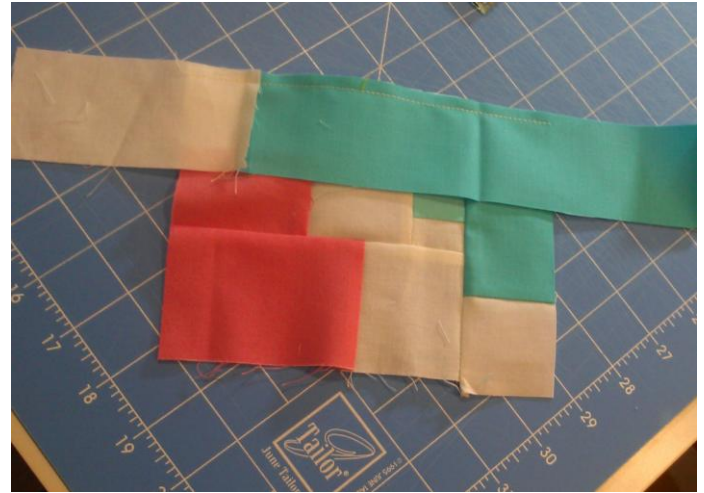
From background color, cut varying strips 1-2.5" wide

From color(s)/patterned fabrics (center square) start with about a 2" square, but any size over 1" square would do.

From colors (for framing rings) cut varying strips, 1"-2.5" in width

1. Attach one background strip to the end of a colored strip in the corresponding size (i.e. add a 1" wide background strip to the end of a 1" wide colored strip, and so on, so that you're creating a two-toned strip (see pic below))

2. As in the instructions above for the mod block, sew strip to the center background-colored starting square, sewing either consistently in a clockwise or counter-clockwise fashion, with some of both of the background AND colored strip being included in the space bordering the center square, as pictured:



3. Make sure to press after each strip is added, and trim each time to square up your strips to the block.



4. Vary the *amount* of background strip color within the block to make your 'steps' look more wonky. Continue adding strip sets to the block as described above until your block measures 12.5" (or bigger, and then trim your block down accordingly).



Here are all of my blocks thus far for the quilt-along!



Don't forget to upload pictures of your block(s) to the [Sew at Home Mummy: Classic meets Modern QAL group](#), and then link-up your photo to the blog post at [Sew at Home Mummy!](#)