

DISAPPEARING LOG CABIN

Block created by Suze Spensley. Her YouTube tutorial is located on her Revelation Quilts Guild channel.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjY5-76mqIs>

This block will be red, white and black. The block is worked with various prints of dark and light fabrics. The center 2-1/2" square will be made with solid red. For continuity within the blocks, stay away from fabric that leans toward pink or purple, and do not use a red print with any other colors within it.

The block is completed with 3 rounds of 2-1/2" strips.

Begin with a red 2-1/2" square.

Assemble several 2-1/2" strips of dark fabrics (darker background/black colors), minimum 5 strips; and several 2-1/2" strips of light fabrics (white background with white/black colors), minimum 6 strips. You don't need to cut the strips to a certain length (Yea! 😊), as you will sew the strips in the log cabin pattern and trim the strips as you sew. The longest 2-1/2" strip that you will need is 12-1/2".

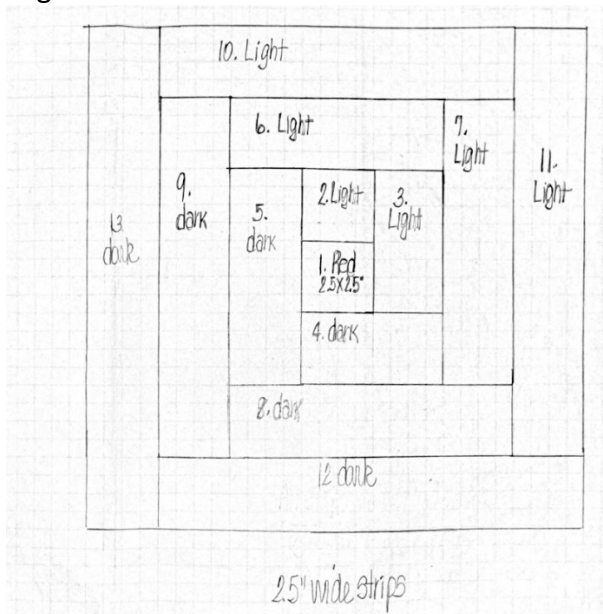
Note: For more detailed instructions on creating a log cabin block, please refer to the November 2024 BOM picture/instructions on the Mudsock Quilters Guild website. Also refer to the drawing on page 2 of these instructions for construction of the log cabin block.

- Start with your red square and sew on a light print 2-1/2" square. Press the seam away from the center.
- Turn the two squares so that the light square is to the left and sew another light strip to the top. Press seam away from center after each additional strip. And, align ruler with right edge of block and trim excess length of last strip sewn.
- Turn the block counterclockwise and sew a dark strip across the longer white strip and red square.
- Turn the block another quarter turn and sew another dark strip across the last dark strip, red center, and light strip. This completes the first round. See pictures.
- Continue by turning the block counterclockwise and adding two strips of light fabric (Pic 2), and then two strips of dark fabric to complete round two (Pic 3). Then continue working counterclockwise, adding the last two light and two dark strips (Pic 4), which will give you three rounds in total.
- The log cabin block is complete.
- Now for the FUN part. Lay the block on your cutting mat on the diagonal, so that the dark and light strips are to the left and right, NOT top and bottom. See pictures "cutting and after the Fun part".
- Measuring from the top and bottom center points of your red square, cut 1-3/4" from the center, removing the right side of the block. This will be a triangular piece.
- Turn the remaining block 180 degrees. Again, cut 1-3/4" from the center or 3-1/2" from the previously cut edge. It is a good idea to check that both measurements line up to be sure you're in the right spot. You now have two triangular pieces and a 3-1/2" wide center strip.
- Swap the triangles (from one side to the other side) and sew them to the opposite side of the block from which they were cut. It may be helpful to mark the middle of the center strip and long

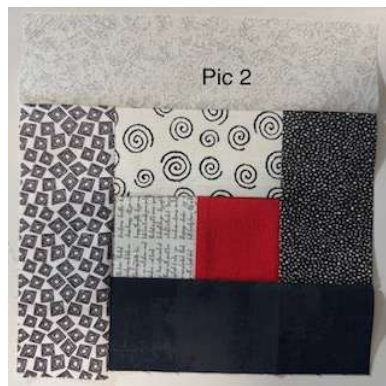
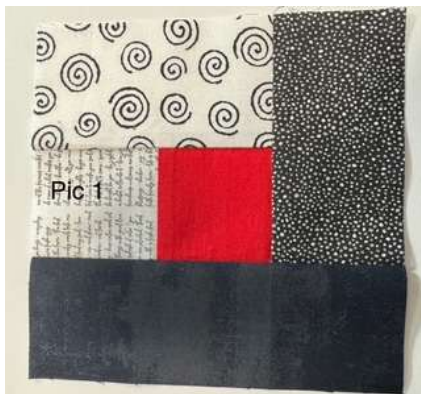
edge of the triangles. *Be careful when working with these pieces as you now have bias edges that can stretch.*

- Once you have sewn the three pieces back together, carefully center the block and trim to 12-1/2".

Log Cabin block construction



Pictures before the "Fun part" of making the disappearing log cabin.



Disappearing Log Cabin block cutting and after the Fun part!

