



## From Cupboard to Creativity Project

June 2022 - Blocks that link with secondary patterns

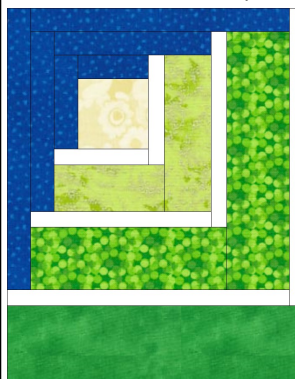
Block this month: Expanding Log Cabin

Hi Everyone,

For this month I have chosen a simpler construction using various strips sizes in what I have called Expanding Log Cabin.

This block works with a blended colouring from light to dark as shown in the green. You could do this all in the one colour scheme, or could be different colours still shading from light to dark.

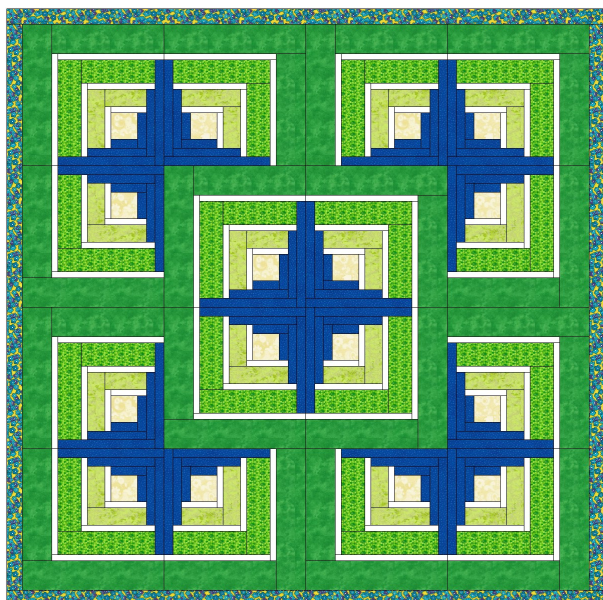
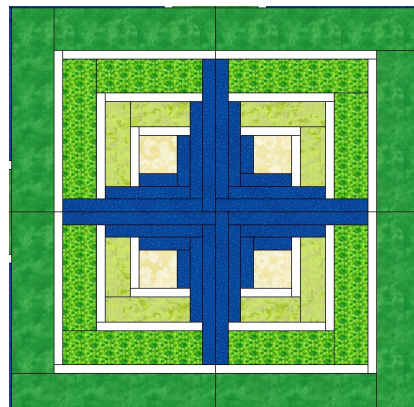
You will need a light contrast (shown in the diagram as white), and a darker contrast for the corner feature shown as blue. You may want to make several blocks the same, then change the colouring for other blocks—have a play with what fabrics you have.



I have created this as a 12" finished block.

The white strips are  $\frac{1}{2}$ " finished, the blue strips are  $\frac{3}{4}$ " finished and the coloured bands vary as  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2" &  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " finished sizes with a centre of  $2\frac{1}{4}$ ".

The sample ideas here shows 4 blocks which you could use as the centre of a new quilt,




or build more of these blocks and extend your design, like the 16 blocks shown here—where all blocks are the same

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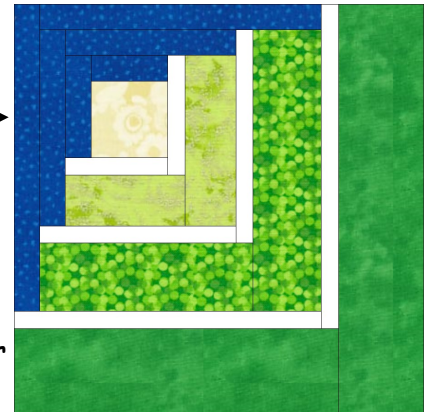
on page 3 where I have changed the colours to create other patterns, and have given you a blank block to design your own.



## To make a 12" finished block

Use this diagram and the labelled diagram below as a guide for the cutting and building the block. 

**Sew on the strips in alphabetical order, and after adding each pair check your block is square.**

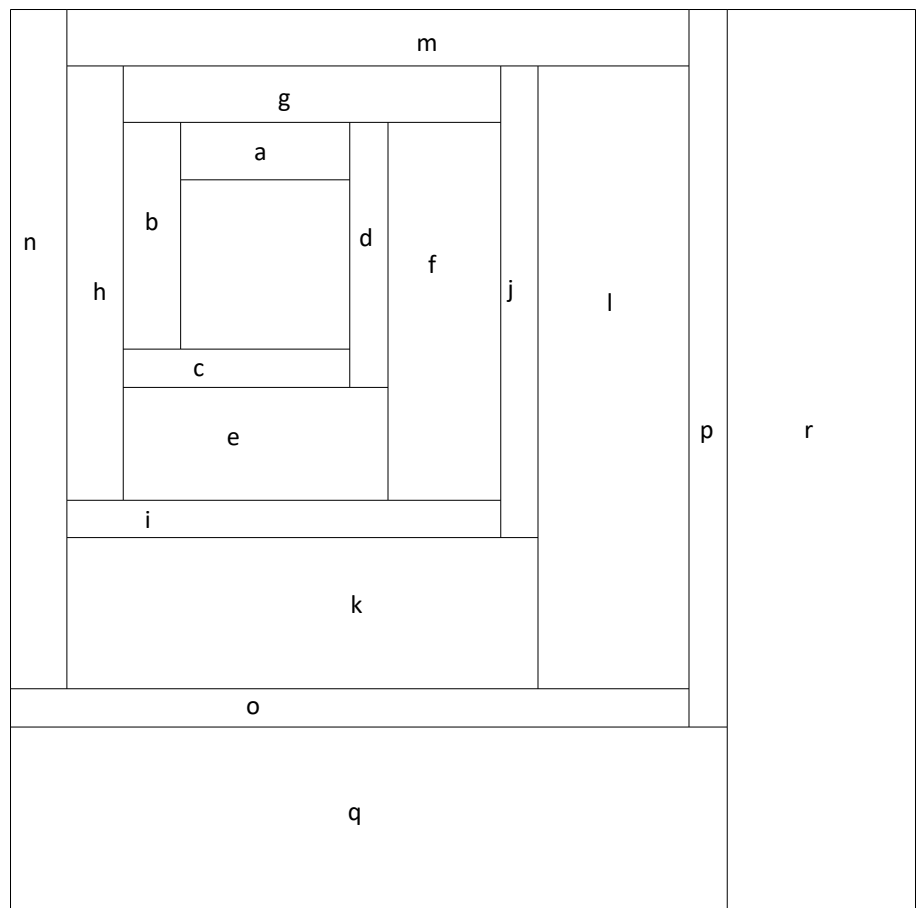


1. For each block you will need a centre cut  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " square,
2. You will need the (blue) strips cut  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and a length for  $a - 2\frac{3}{4}$ "  $b - 3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew on to the centre using diagram as guide for placement & check the block is now  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
3. You will need the narrow strips of white cut 1" wide and lengths of :  $c - 3\frac{1}{2}$ " &  $d - 4$ " - sew these on the block follow diagram for placement. Check block is 4" square.
4. The light green strips are cut 2" wide and lengths of:  $e - 4$ " &  $f - 5\frac{1}{2}$ ". ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ " sq)
5. The blue strips cut  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " add :  $g - 5\frac{1}{2}$ " &  $h - 6\frac{1}{4}$ ". ( $6\frac{1}{4}$ " square).
6. Now add the next white strips cut 1" wide and in lengths of :  $i - 6\frac{1}{4}$ " &  $j - 6\frac{3}{4}$ ". ( $6\frac{3}{4}$ " sq)
7. The mid green strips are cut  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, and in lengths of:  $k - 6\frac{3}{4}$ " &  $l - 8\frac{3}{4}$ ". ( $8\frac{3}{4}$ " sq)
8. More blue strips cut  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and lengths of:  $m - 8\frac{3}{4}$ " &  $n - 9\frac{1}{2}$ ". ( $9\frac{1}{2}$ " sq)
9. Next cut the white strips 1" and lengths of:  $o - 9\frac{1}{2}$ " &  $p - 10$ " ( $10$ " sq)
10. To finish the block cut the darkest green a 3" wide and lengths of:  $q - 10$ " &  $r - 12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Your finished block should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

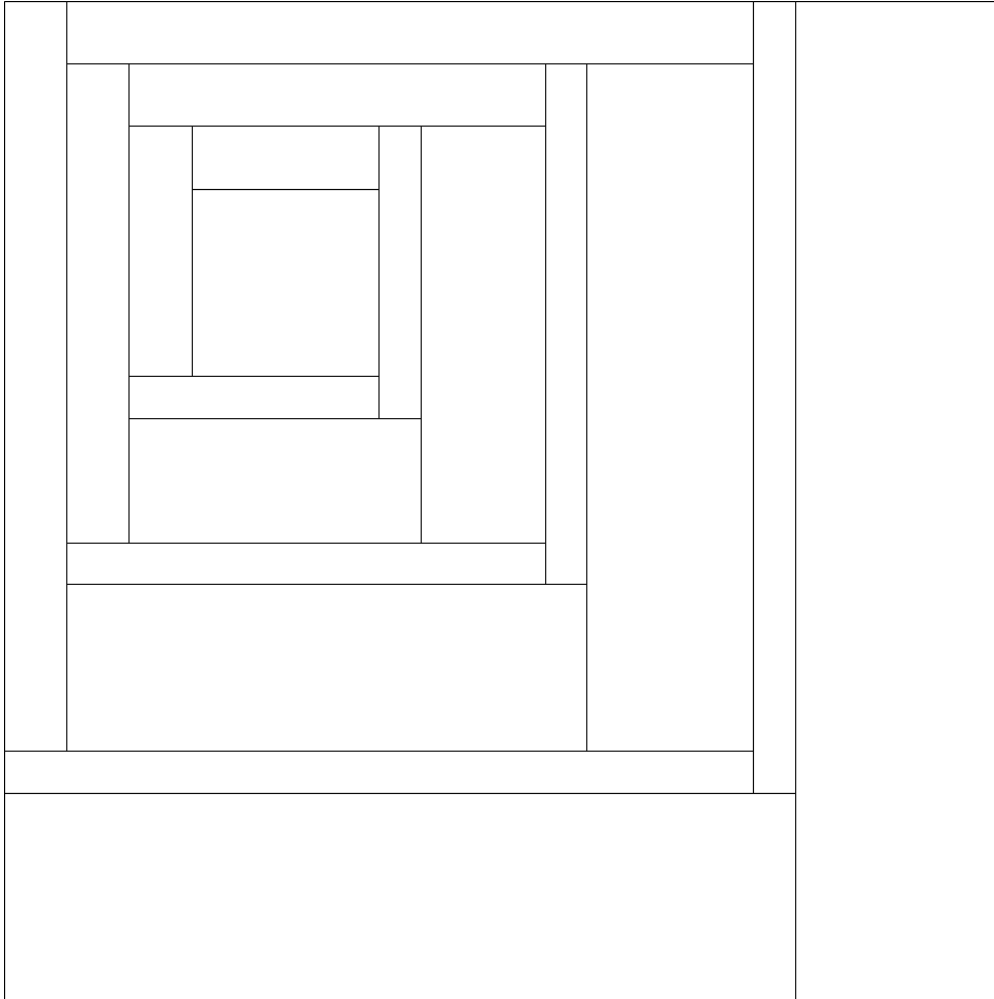
Repeat for as many blocks as you need for your project, changing the colours to suit your design.

Print some copies of the colour plan on the next page to work out the colour and layout of your blocks.

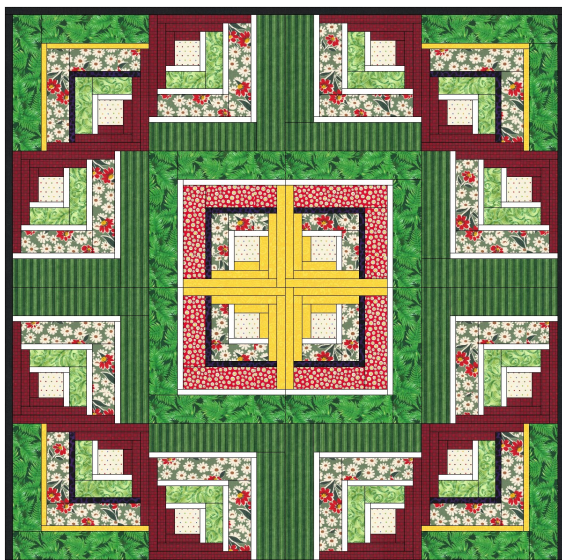




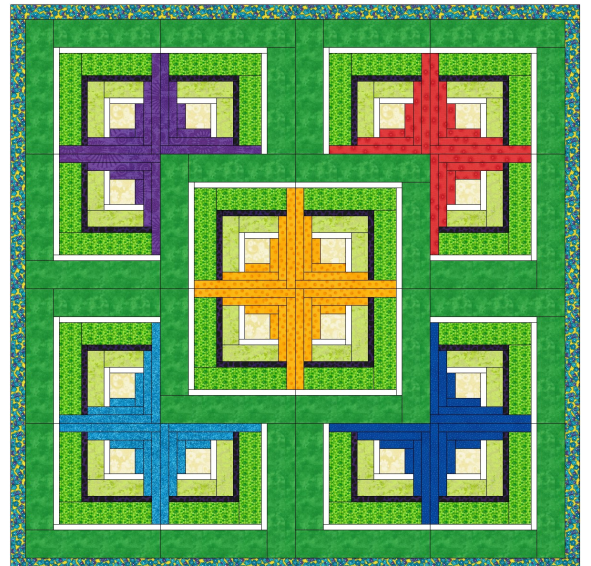
Here is the blank planning block - print a number of copies and plan your quilt.



Below are some examples (both show 16 blocks) of how you can change the layout and your colours.



Have fun.  
Jan P.



## Fabric Quantities:

Here is a guide only for the amounts of fabric you will need if making the **16 block** quilt shown where all blocks are the same, where the white strips are all one fabric and the blue is all one fabric.

**Blue** section needs: 40cm

**White** strips need: 45cm

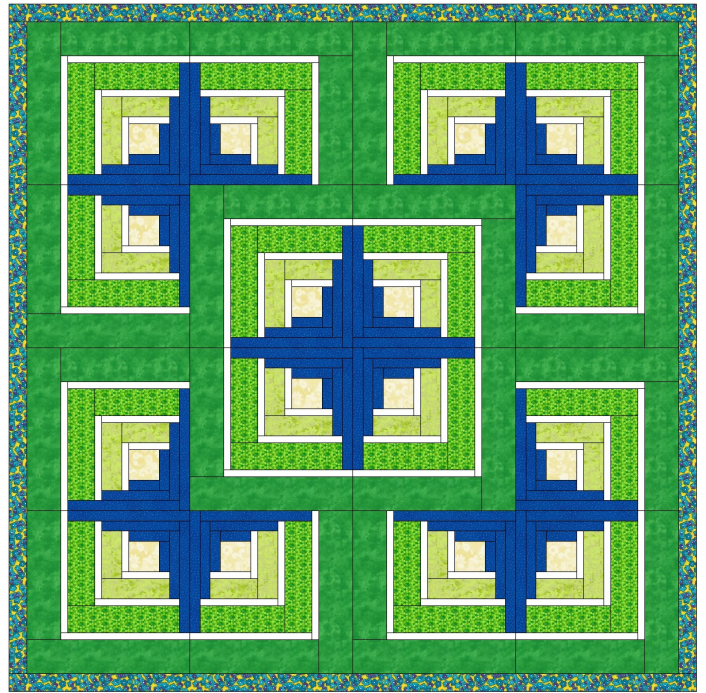
**Green 1** (lightest): 25cm

**Green 2** (middle): 50cm

**Green 3** (darkest): 70cm

Borders and beyond are not allowed for in these amounts.

Changing fabrics for different areas as shown in the other examples will change the quantities needed.



Take the time to plan your quilt using the blank block on page 3 or the full quilt design. →

The cut lengths needed for each piece are given in the cutting on page 2, so you can work out how much of each fabric you need if you change the design.

