

# BHQG BLOCK OF THE MONTH - - LOG CABIN

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This month's block is the traditional log cabin. It is an easy pattern with lots of versatility in design. Traditionally, it is made in lights and darks, representing the sunny side and the shady side of the house with a red square in the middle for the hearth.



In these instructions, the block is done in blues for the dark side, yellows for the light side and red in the middle. The pattern uses fabric strips of 2 in wide.

### Fabric Requirements

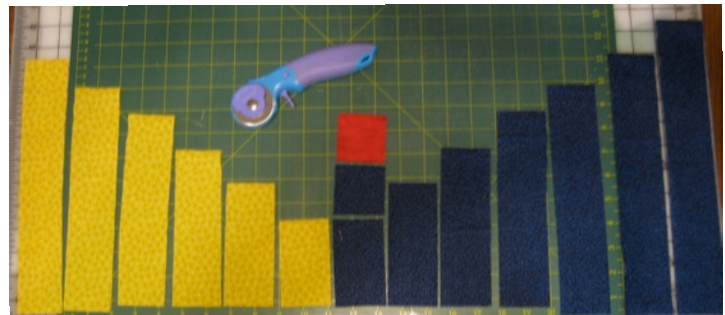
You will need fabric strips in a variety of darks and lights. This is a good way to use up your stash. If you like, use only 2 colours like these instructions. Darks and lights. Colour A or darks ( blues) total about 60 inches of 2 in. strips. Colour B or lights (yellows) total about 45 inches of 2 in. strips. The middle square of red is 2 in. x 2 in. If you are using short scrappy strips, there may be more waste.

**You have been provided with a red strip of fabric.** Cut your red square and save the leftover to use whenever you wish in another month. The idea is to make both sides of the house in contrast to each other.

### Cutting

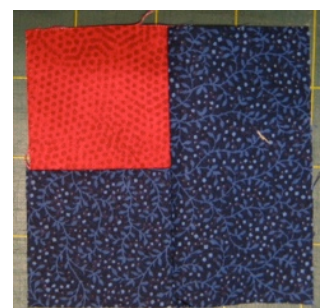
As you cut strips arrange them as in photo

Red - 2 in. square	Yellow - 8 in.
Blue - 2 in. square	Blue - 8 in.
Blue - 3.5 in.	Blue - 9.5 in.
Yellow - 3.5 in.	Yellow - 9.5 in.
Yellow - 5 in.	Yellow - 11 in.
Blue - 5 in.	Blue - 11 in.
Blue - 6.5 in.	Blue - 12.5 in.
Yellow - 6.5 in.	



**Instructions** - *Use 1/4 in. seam allowance. The 1/4 in. specialty quilting foot is strongly recommended.*

1. Sew red and blue square right sides together. Press seam away from the center.
2. Sew 3.5 in. Blue along the long side of the rectangle. Always use pins at each end of the strip.



3. Refer to all the following photos and see how the log cabin is assembled.

The strips are added in a rotating manner adding the longer strips.



4. Refer to photo on left. First sew the 3.5 in. strip of Yellow.

5. Then add the 5 in. strip of Yellow.



6. Continue adding in a rotating manner. Sew the 5 in. strip of Blue.

7. Next sew 6.5 in. strip of Blue.

8. Trim the unit to make 6.5in square.



9. Continue adding in a rotating manner. Sew the 6.5 in. strip of Yellow. and then sew the 8 in. strip of Yellow.

10. Next sew the 8 in. strip of Blue and then sew the 9.5 in. strip of Blue.



11. Continue adding in a rotating manner. Sew the 9.5 in. strip of Yellow and then sew the 11 in. strip of Yellow.

12. Next sew the 11 in. strip of Blue and then sew the 12.5 in. strip of Blue.

13. Finally, trim the block to make a 12.5 in square.