

LOG CABIN VALENTINE'S DAY PLACEMAT

Try this variation of a log cabin block to make a placemat. With the little Inuksuit motif, the placemat is very Canadian.



CUTTING

Choose a variety of reds and/or pinks.

To make your log cabin in the traditional contrasting lights and darks, choose lighter shades for B, D, and F. Choose darker shades for C, E, and G.

Cut A (2 1/2 inch square) in a red or maybe a yellow or a Canadian motif.

Cut B (2 1/2 inch square)

Cut C and D (2 1/2 in. X 4 1/2 in. rectangle)

Cut E and F (2 1/2 in. X 6 1/2 in. rectangle)

Cut G (2 1/2 in X 8 1/2 in. rectangle)

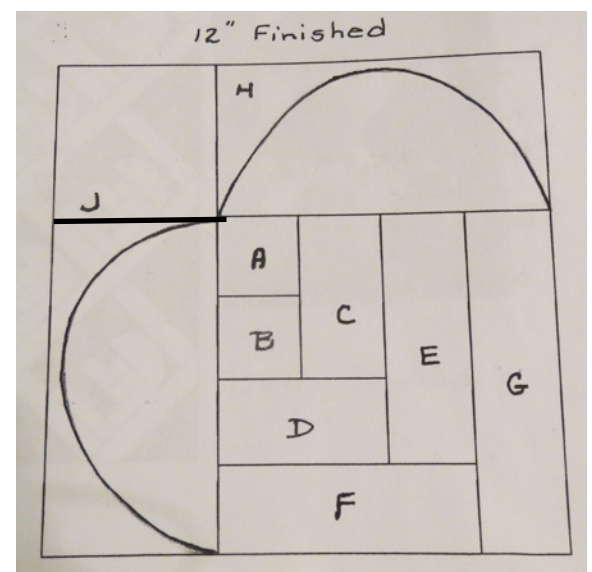
Cut one circle (8 1/2 in. diameter) in another red fabric. Use the circle template in this pattern.

Cut another circle (8 1/2 in. diameter) in fusible interfacing.

Background Fabric (white or cream colour)

Cut one (4 1/2 in. square)

Cut two (4 1/2 in. X 8 1/2 in. rectangles)



SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Use a scant 1/4 in. seam allowance.

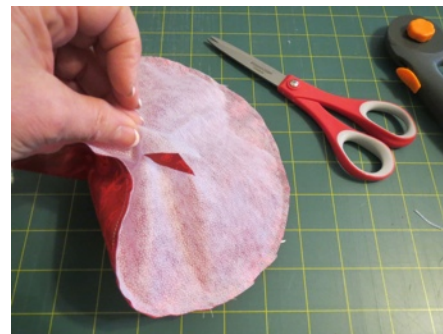
First, make the log cabin:

1. Join A to B right sides together.
2. Add C to long side of AB unit.
3. Add D to the ABC unit as shown.
4. Add E to long side of ABCD unit.
5. Add F to the ABCDE unit as shown.
6. Add G to the ABCDEF unit.
7. Trim the log cabin to 8 1/2 in. square.





Now, make the heart tops:
8. Sew fusible webbing and red circle with the glue side and right sides together as shown on left.



9. Cut into the webbing and turn circle unit right sides out as shown on right.



10 Finger press the seam edge of the circle as shown on left.

11. Cut new circle in half as shown on right.



12. Applique the circle halves to the background rectangles. To do this, position the circle half with raw edge along the long side of the background rectangle. Press. The glue will hold the circle in place. Machine stitch close to the edge or handstitch.



13. Sew one half circle rectangle to the log cabin unit as shown on left.

14. Sew the 4 1/2 inch square to one end of the other half circle rectangle as shown. Add this unit to the log cabin unit as shown.



15. Your block should be a 12 1/2 inch square.

16. To make your placemat, add 3 X 2 1/2 inch strips of various reds and/or pinks for a finished size of 12 1/2 inch x 18 inch.

17. Make a quilted placemat with batting and a backing.

18. Finish the edge as you choose. Use either a traditional binding method or the "pillowcase" technique or the self-binding techniques as shown in January demos.