

SEYMOUR QUILTERS GUILD
BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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THE LOG CABIN BLOCK

The Log Cabin Block is a favourite traditional block that retains its popularity because it is easy and fast.

The pattern begins in the centre. Traditionally, that was a red square signifying the hearth as the centre of the home. Again, in traditional blocks, the “logs” were divided into dark and light strips signifying either the day and night or the darkness and joy that come into a home.

You start with your centre block, which can be any size, and then attach strips to that centre.

*Remember, in your planning, that the finished block must be 12 ½” x 12 ½”.

The only requirements for the block are:

- It must be 12 ½” x 12 ½” when finished.
- One strip must be lime green (see photo below).

The block that I did for demonstration purposes was made of 2-½” strips.

You can also make the 12 ½” x 12 ½” block with four 6 ½” x 6 ½” blocks if you like. In that case, you would start with a 1 ½” centre square and cut 1 ½” strips. Again, remember to put a lime green strip into the mix. Once you have made the four blocks, join them together to make the required 12 ½” x 12 ½” finished block.

There are lots of sources online and in books if you need inspiration.

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