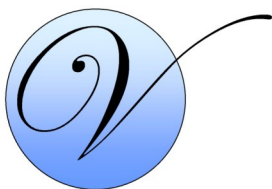


Tutorial

Pointed Log Cabin Star Block



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This tutorial will show you how to make a **12” finished** Pointed Log Cabin block. This block is made up of four quarter units, that are then stitched together at the end. Let’s get started, shall we?

Happy reading, and happy quilting!

Step 1:

You will need to pick out your fabrics. For this example we will use a light fabric as the BACKGROUND and various medium to dark prints as our FOCUS FABRICS. However, this quilt would also look stunning with bright fabrics on a dark background. Use the following chart to cut out all the pieces needed for one block.

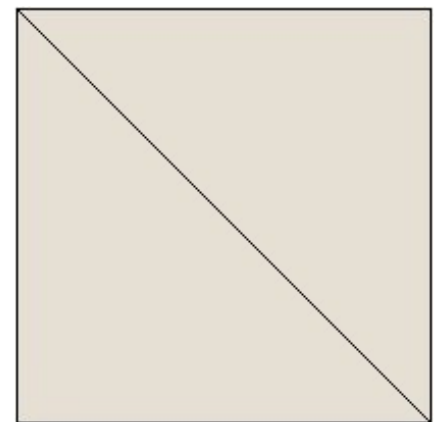
Are you making more than one block? Just multiply the number of pieces listed below by the number of blocks you want to make to get the total number of pieces you will need for your project.

Fabric	Pieces to Cut
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 squares: $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$• 16 squares: $2'' \times 2''$
Focus Fabrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 strips: $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$• 8 strips: $2'' \times 5''$• 4 strips: $2'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$



Step 2:

Draw a diagonal across the wrong side of all the Background $2'' \times 2''$ squares. You can use a mechanical pencil like I did, or a washable fabric marker, or a chalk pencil if your background is dark. You should be able to easily see the line but it should not bleed through to the front of the fabric.



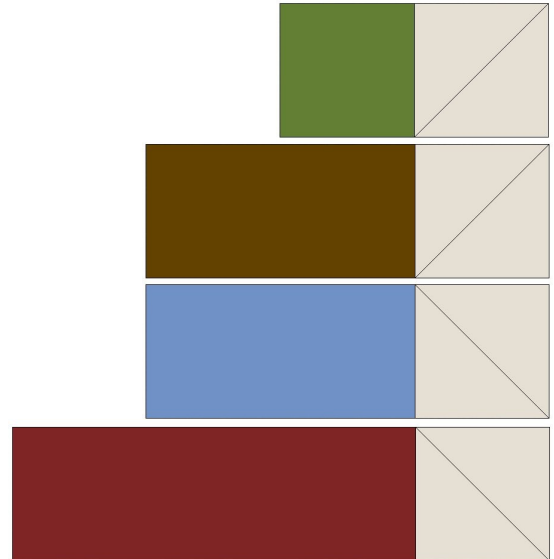
Step 3:

For each of your Focus Fabric pieces, lay one Background square on top, right sides together and with the drawn lines arranged as shown.

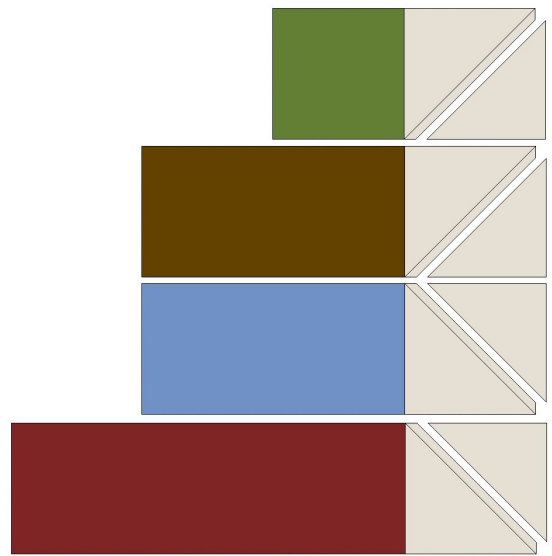
The diagonal for the shortest piece and one of the middle length pieces will slant from top right to bottom left, we'll call them Lefties.

The diagonal for the other middle length piece and the longest pieces will slant from top left to bottom right, we'll call them Righties.

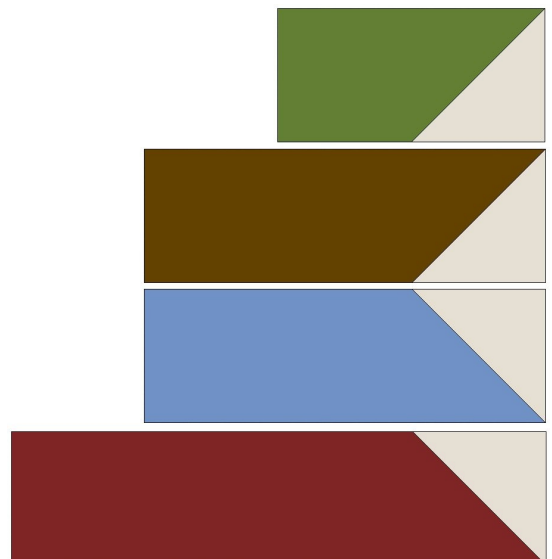
Sew the Background square to the Focus Fabric along the drawn line.

**Step 4:**

Using your ruler and rotary cutter, trim off the extra material leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

**Step 5:**

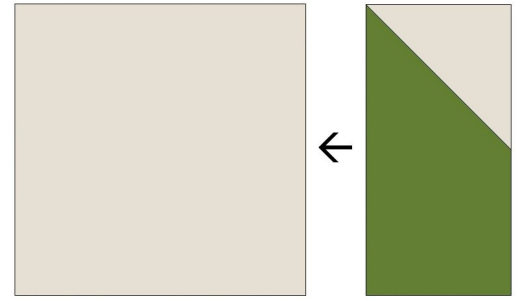
Fold the Background fabric over the seam allowance and press in place. These are your "logs" for the block.



Step 6:

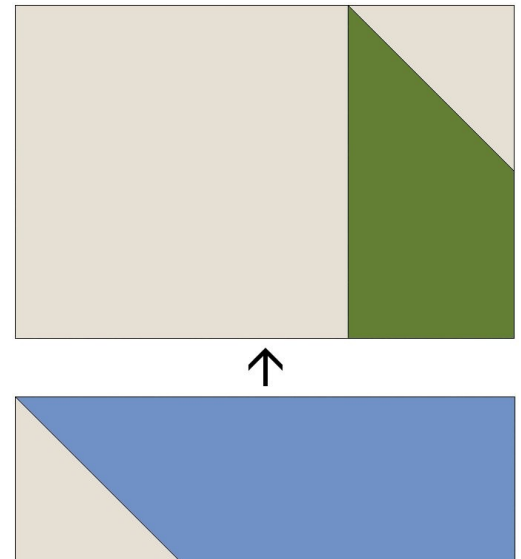
Now it's time to start building the four quarter-block units we'll need to make our finished Pointed Log Cabin Block.

To the side of a 3½" x 3½" Background fabric square, sew your shortest "log" unit from Step 5. Press towards the Background fabric square.



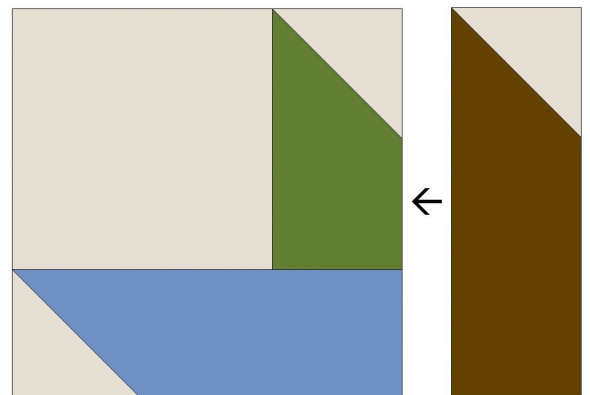
Step 7:

Sew the Rightie middle length "log" to the bottom of the unit from Step 6. Be sure to watch the direction of the point at the end of the log! Press towards the Background fabric square.



Step 8:

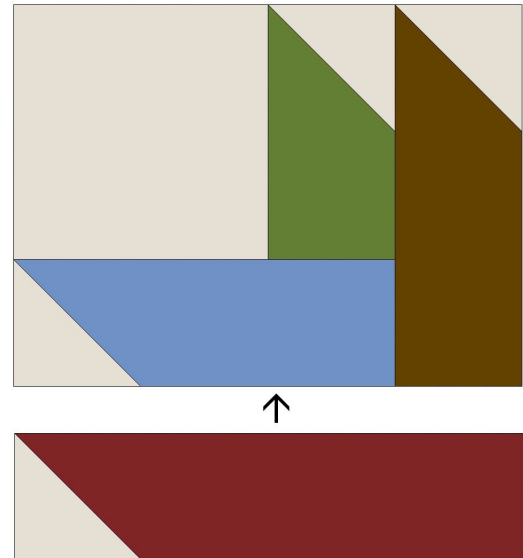
Sew the Leftie middle length "log" to the side of the block. Press towards the Background fabric square.



Step 9:

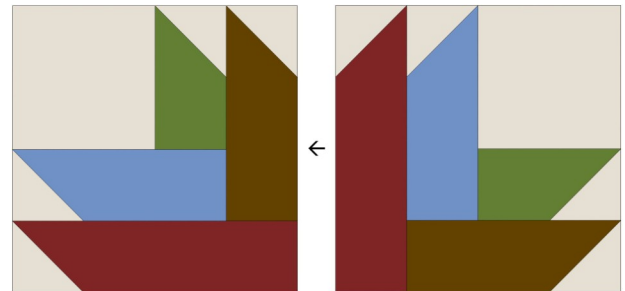
Sew the longest “log” to the bottom of the block. Press towards the Background fabric square.

Voila! Your quarter block unit is done. Repeat 3 more times to finish the rest of the quarter block units.

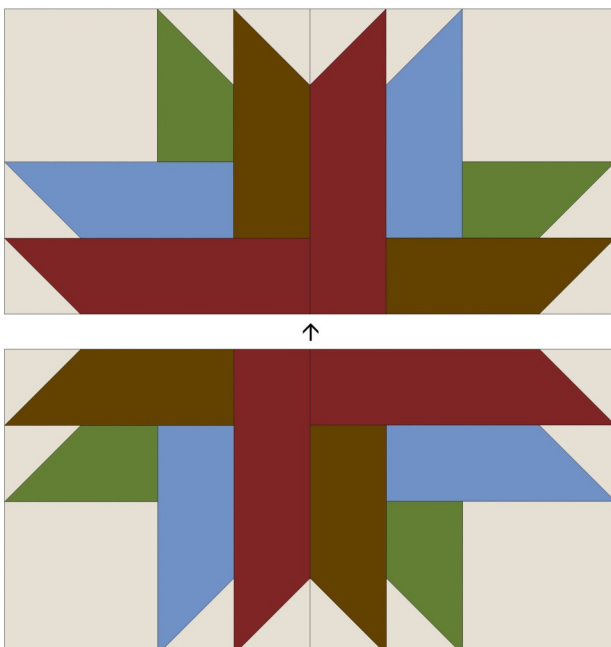
**Step 10:**

To make your block, pair up two of your quarter block units making sure they are rotated correctly, then sew together. Press seam allowance to one side.

Repeat for the remaining two quarter block units. Arrange them in the same way.

**Step 11:**

Finally, pair up your two units from Step 10, pin in place and sew together. Press your seam allowance to one side. Optionally, you can “spin” your seams when you press them in order to make your block lie nice and flat.



Example of “spinning” your seams.

Congratulations! You're done!

Now that you have your blocks made, you get to decide how to lay out your quilt. This block looks fantastic set both horizontally and on point, you could add sashing or you can alternate these blocks with other pieced blocks, or simply with squares of a coordinating fabric. The possibilities are endless. Have fun!

