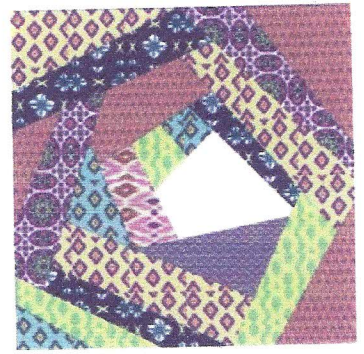


Wonky 5-Sided Log Cabin Block Pattern

The nature of this block is extremely improvisational, with very little measuring or pre-cutting. You can almost count on your block not looking exactly like the sample block, and that's OK! Explore the idea of an entire quilt made of wonky 5-sided log cabin blocks and/or Modern Log Cabin blocks. Dive into the excitement of designing the blocks (or letting them design themselves!) as you stitch them.



Materials

Variety of print scraps, strips, rectangles, squares and odd shapes – whatever you have left over from previous blocks should work well, and you can also cut fresh pieces from your fabric if you find your scrap selection lacking.

Construction

1. Select a neutral "square-ish" piece to start with for your center- around 3" works great.
2. Select a scrap that is at least as long as the right side of your center piece. Stitch it on, right sides together, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press the seam allowance toward the piece you just added (toward the outside of the block).
3. Trim the bottom edge of your block if needed and then sew another strip in the same fashion to the bottom edge. Press the seam allowance toward the piece you just added (toward the outside of the block).
4. Continue adding scraps, working around your piece in a clockwise direction, pressing and trimming as you go.
5. Once you've circled around your shape one or two times, cut off a corner (your choice) to avoid any obvious square angles from forming. This block is all about wonky, improvisational lines, not clean, right angles.
6. Continue this process until your block measures at least $12\frac{1}{2}$ " on all four "sides." Don't worry if your piece doesn't have nice straight edges, or doesn't even look like a square – it will once you trim it down. A $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square ruler comes in very handy here, as you can simply place it over your block to see where more pieces are needed to reach past the $12\frac{1}{2}$ " size.
7. Once your block has reached this size, simply square it up by placing the center markings of your $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square ruler over your center piece, and align it however it is most visually pleasing to you. Nothing will be "straight" in such a wonky block! Trim around the edges to create a perfect $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

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