



Tuning My Heart Quilts

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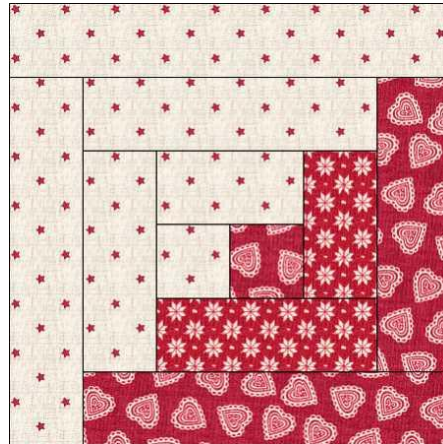
A Nordic Christmas

Mini Blocks

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Week 7: Log Cabin



Finished size: 3" x 3"

This is the seventh in my series of Christmas ornaments to adorn the house. This is the most fiddly of the blocks as it requires a 1/8" seam allowance and the beginning pieces are pretty small. I do recommend that you use starch both before cutting out your pieces and as you press the units. And take your time as you sew, slowing down can really help with the necessary accuracy. Since this is a stand-alone block, while I have the finished size listed as 3" it does not matter at all if you are off a bit. Using this pattern along with the photo tutorial on my blog will help you to have success as well. Happy Quilting!

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Fabric Requirements

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The blocks in this series are made using scraps of 2 red fabrics, 1 white on white print and one red and white print. Fat Quarters will work very well.

You will also need:

1 Fat Quarter of fabric for the Backing and Binding.

DMC Pearl Cotton #5 (the loop for hanging.)

Cutting Directions

(Note: I cut strips from my fabric that were the width of the Fat Quarters I was using. You may need to cut more depending on the width of the fabric you are using. The longest strip needed is 3 1/4".)

From White on White cut:
Cut 1 strip 3/4" x 18"

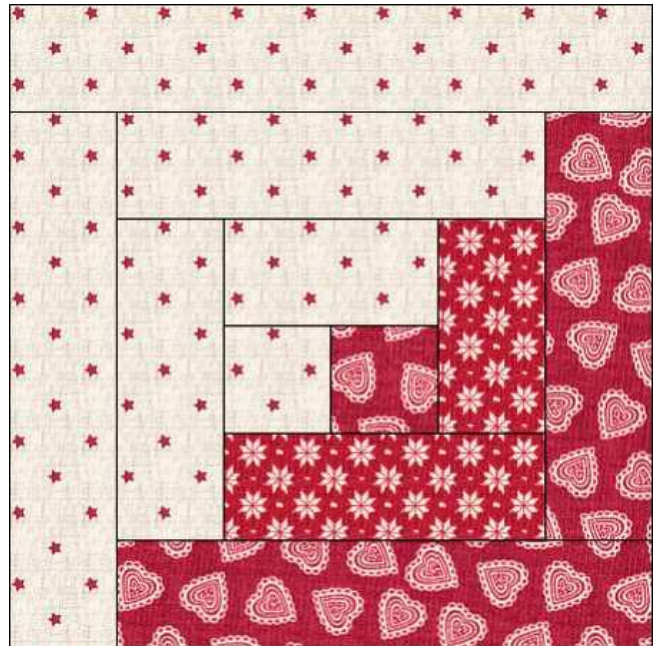
From Red #1 cut:
Cut 1- 3/4" x 3/4"
Cut 1 strip 3/4" x 9"

From Red #2 cut:
Cut 1 strip 3/4" x 6"

Backing: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Batting: 4 1/4" x 4 1/4"

Binding: 1 1/2" x 18"



Step 1: Sewing the Logs

NOTE: We will be using a 1/8" seam allowance for this block.

Using the red square that is 3/4" x 3/4" place it right sides together on top of the white-on-white strip (fig 1) and sew a 1/8" seam. Press towards the white-on-white strip (fig 2) and trim to 3/4" wide (figs 3 & 4).



Fig 1

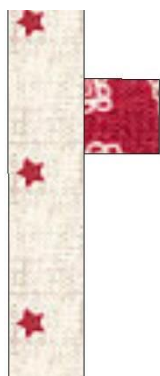


Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4

Next place this unit on the white-on-white strip and do the same thing. Make sure the red square is on top as you sew these. Always press towards the strips. (see arrow). One of the nice things about using this strip piecing method is how quick it is to make more than one at the same time by adding a second unit to my strips as shown in fig 5.

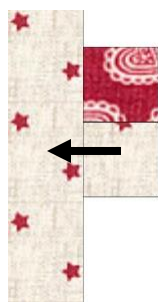


Fig 5



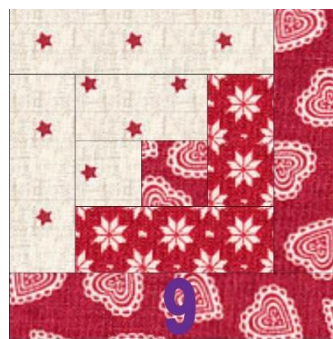
Now do the same thing adding the unit to the Red#2 strip to make the next two logs. Always check to make sure you have laid the unit on the strip the right way so that each new strip is next to the one you just did. (working around the square in a clockwise manner the last “log” sewn will always go on the bottom.)



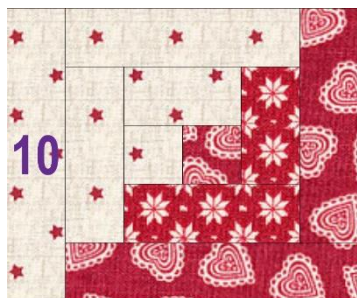
Repeat the process adding two white-on-white strips on the other side.



Now add two Red #1 strips.



And finish by adding two more white-on-white strips.



Step 3: Quilting the Block

Layer the backing, batting, and quilt block. I prefer Basting Spray to hold the layers together for small quilts.

Quilt as desired. For my sample I just stitched in the ditch around each log making a spiral.

Step 4: Binding and Finishing:

Press Binding in half. Attach to the front of quilt, mitering the corners as you go. Fold binding over to the back of the quilt and attach with a slip stitch to complete the binding of the quilt.

Cut a length of Pearl Cotton thread and attach a loop to the top for hanging your mini quilt.

My photo tutorial can be found on my blog: search for Nordic Christmas Week 7. I have also posted video tutorials to show how I do the quilting and binding on these little blocks. They can be found on my “Tutorials” page.

That’s it! I hope you will consider sharing your finished block with me on my Facebook Sew Along page. I love to see what you are making with my patterns and always comment. Until next time.... Happy Quilting!

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