

# Pithy Projects

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## Log Cabin

### Court House Steps

12" x 16" Finished Block

#### Materials Needed for Placemat Block



(1) 3.5" x 4.5" patches



(2) 2" x 4.5" patches



(2) 2.5" x 6.5" patches



(2) 2" x 8.5" patches



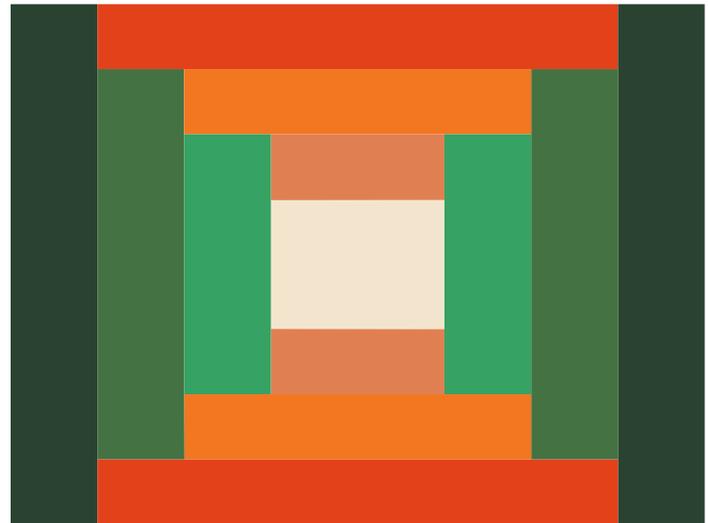
(2) 2.5" x 9.5" patches



(2) 2" x 12.5" patches



(2) 2.5" x 12.5" patches



A Log Cabin block can be made using any size center block, with any size logs bordering it.

In order to achieve the rectangle that will fit these desired finished measurements, the Orange strips are cut at 2" and the Green Strips are cut at 2.5".

When thick and thin logs are used in the standard Log Cabin layout (as opposed to the Court House Steps), the finished block will have an off-centered appearance. It is a fun block to try.

A 1/4" seam allowance is standard.

It doesn't take a large amount of fabric to make one of these placemat blocks. You could easily use fat quarters for the log blocks and for the placemat backing. In order to use more of each fat quarter, you could have fun mixing up the color placements for different placemats.

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#### For Matching Placemats

I would recommend 1/2 yard of each fabric if you are making 4 placemats. This will allow for cutting and shrinking issues.

You will also need to choose a backing fabric and purchase a yard of it for 4 placemats.

#### Batting

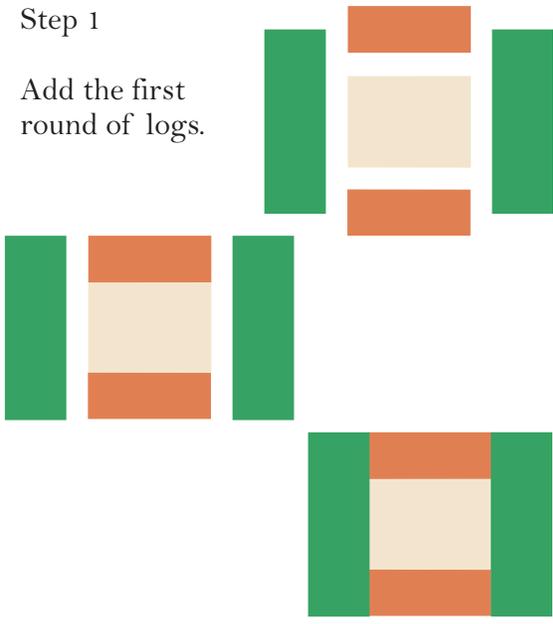
*I recommend cotton batting for this project.  
80/20% cotton/poly batting works quite well.*

*On the next page, there will be visual diagrams showing the order I use to sew my pieces into a block.*

\*\*\*\*\*All calculations assume you are using fabric that measures at least 42"\*\*\*\*\*

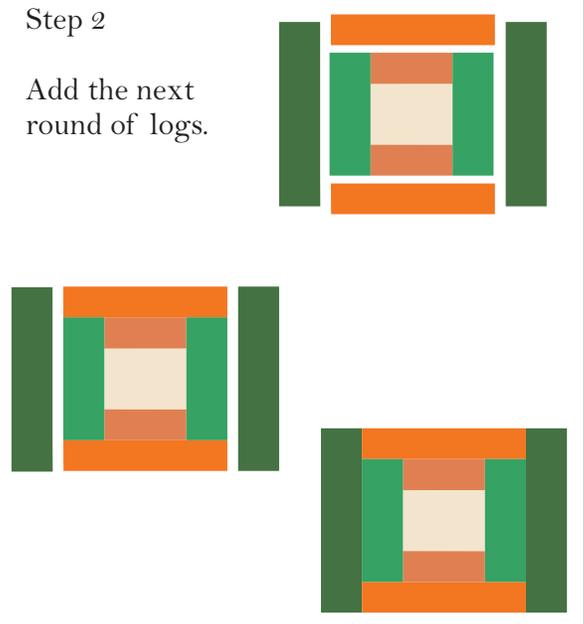
Step 1

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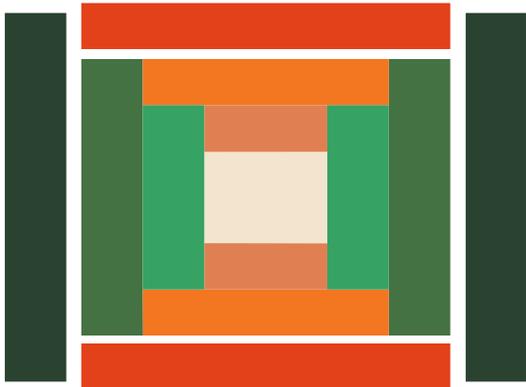


Step 2

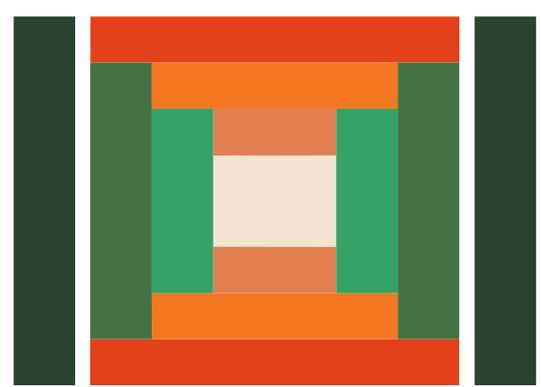
Add the next round of logs.



Step 3 - add the final round of logs.



Step 3 - add orange logs.



Step 3 - add final green logs.

