

Rocky Mountain Puzzle



The discovery of gold in 1858 brought explorers to the Rockies, a rugged mountain range that extends over 3,000 miles. Between 1840 and 1870, a quarter of a million Americans crossed those mountains.

The theme of migration is evident in the triangle pieces of the block, often used to represent birds, mountains, waves, or directional movement. Other patterns were Delectable Mountains, Wandering Foot, and Kansas Troubles.

Suggested values: choose a light, a dark and two mediums.

Cutting Instructions

Layer cut right sides together:

- (1) 8" x 8" square light
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- (1) 4" square light
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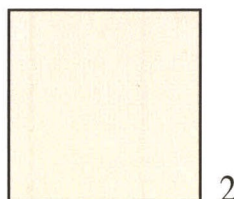
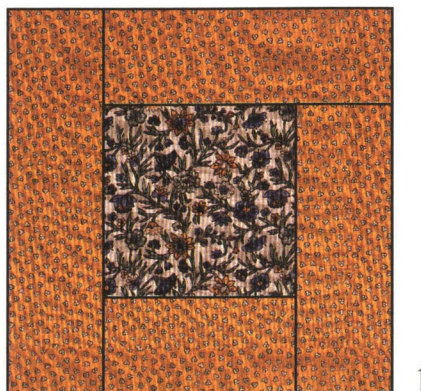
Cut for "Log Cabin" center:

- (1) 3 1/2" square first medium or fussycut
- (1) 2" x 22" strip second medium

Cut:

- (2) 3 1/2" squares light

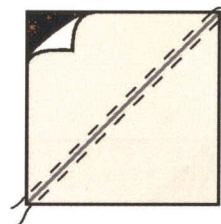
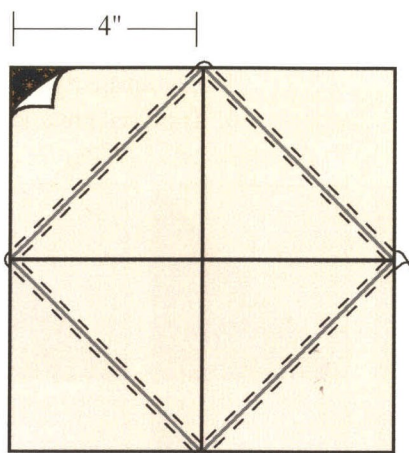
To Make These Pieces



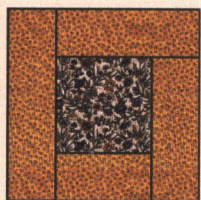
Making Ten



1. Press squares right sides together.
2. Draw 4" squaring lines.
3. Method detail on page 7.
4. Square to 3 1/2".



Making the Center



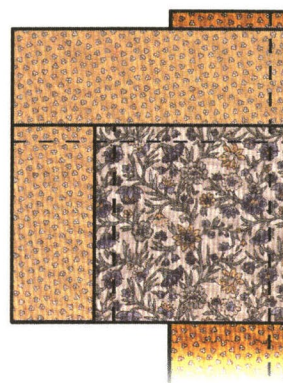
1. Lay center square right sides together on strip. Sew.
2. Trim strip to 3 1/2" size of center square. Press seam toward strip fabric.



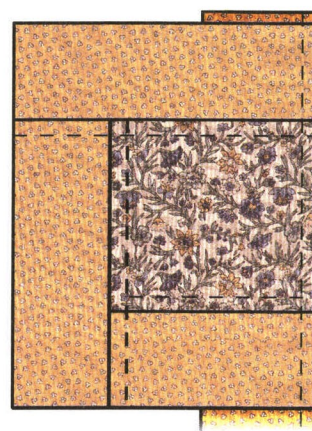
3. Lay square right sides together on strip. Sew.
4. Trim strip to square-and-strip size, about 5". Press seam toward strip fabric.



5. Lay square right sides together on strip. Sew.
6. Trim, and press seam toward strip fabric.

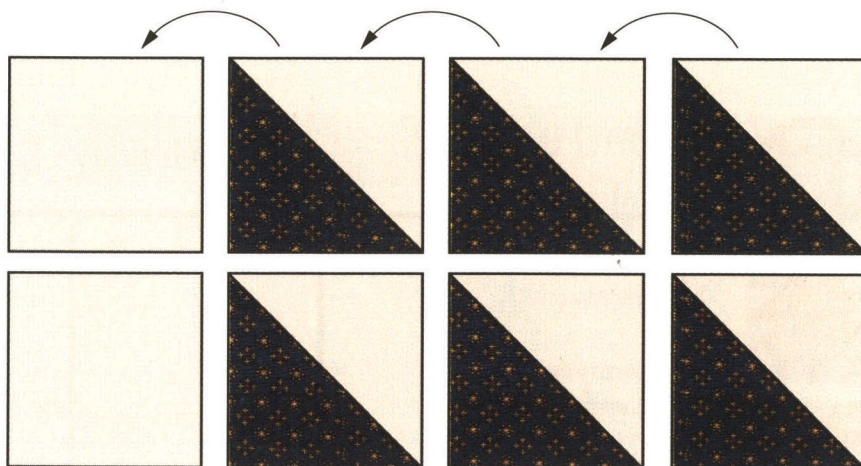


7. Sew strip to final side. Press seam toward strip fabric.
8. Square to 6 1/2".

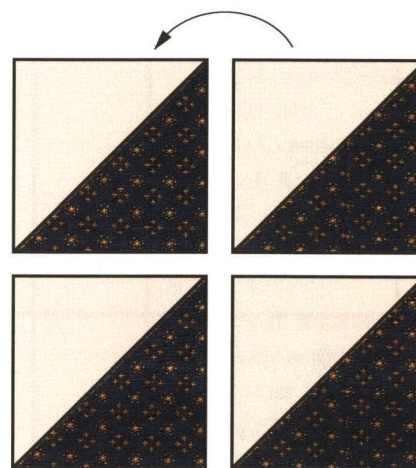


Sewing the Block Together

1. Assembly-line sew top and bottom rows. Clip connecting threads.



2. Sew side pieces together. Press seams toward dark fabric.



3. Carefully match, pin and sew side pieces to center square. Press seams toward center.
4. Sew top and bottom rows to center row.
5. Press.

