

# Jumbo Log Cabin –Block Ideas

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The Log Cabin Block dates back to 1863. It became popular when quilters used it for quilt raffles to raise money for the war effort. The pattern is thought to be a symbol of loyalty to Abraham Lincoln who grew up in a log cabin. This Jumbo Log Cabin block is a modern, simplified version of the traditional log cabin block.

Rather than specific instructions, this hopes to inspire you of some options. The idea is to make a whole quilt out of one log cabin block. There are several ways to do this:

1. Start with a large center block. For example a 10" square. Then add the Logs, which would be 10" wide strips. (You can make the center any size and the strips can also be any size, the 10" is just meant to be an example.) The first strip (log) is the same length as the center block. Once these 2 pieces are sewn together, turn clockwise and add another strip (log). Continue this until the quilt is the size you want it to be. The number of strips you need depends on the width of the strips & the size you want your quilt to be.
2. Use a "Frankenroll" which is comprised of 2 ½" strips, or any width of strip would work with the same concept. The length of strips can vary, this is a process for using up mismatched strips. The idea is to first sew a bunch of strips together, sewing on the short side, making one very, very long strip that is 2 ½" wide by about 700" long. In other words, sew the strips together end to end. This can be done with sewing at an angle as you might do when sewing binding strips together or it can be done with sewing a straight seam. Once you get this very long strip together, it helps to roll it up like a jelly roll. You then take your center square, and sew the end of the log roll to your center block, trim it, then turn and keep adding the strips (logs) to the center and keep going around and around in a clockwise rotation until your quilt is the size you want it to be.