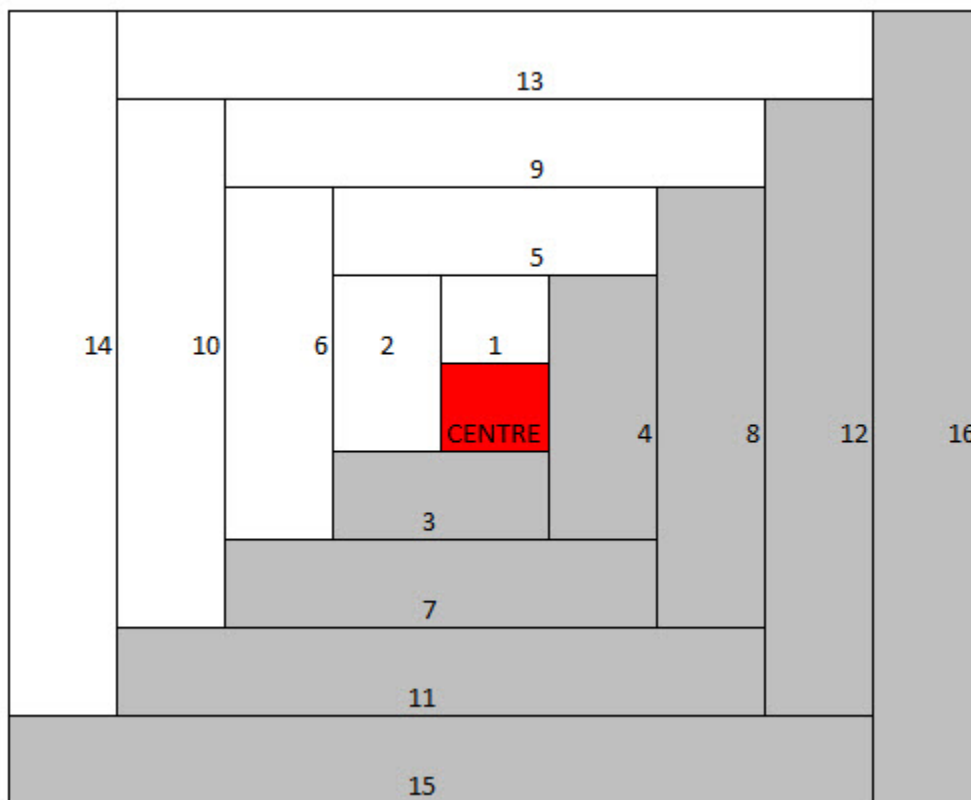


Log Cabin Block

Early Log Cabin blocks were hand-pieced using strips of fabrics around a central square. In traditional Log Cabin blocks, one half is made of dark fabrics and the other half light. A red center symbolized the hearth of home and a yellow center represented a welcoming light in the window. It has been suggested, that during the Civil War, a Log Cabin quilt with a black center hanging on a clothesline was meant to signal a stop for the Underground Railroad.

Make one 9 ½ in block. The Strips are 1 ½ inches wide.



Start with a centre block of 1 ½ by 1 ½ inches.

Strip 1 – light 1 ½ inches long,

Strip 2 - light 2 ½ inches long

Strip 3 – dark 2 ½ inches long,

Strip 4 – dark 3 ½ inches long

Square should now measure 3 ½" x 3 ½"

Strip 5 – light 3 ½ inches long,

Strip 6 – light 4 ½ inches long

Strip 7 – dark 4 ½ inches long,

Strip 8 – dark 5 ½ inches long

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Square should now measure $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ "

Strip 9 – light $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches long,

Strip 10 – light $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long

Strip 11 – dark $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long,

Strip 12 – dark $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches long

Square should now measure $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ "

Strip 13- light $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches long,

Strip 14 - light $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches long

Strip 15 – dark $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches long

Strip 16 – dark $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches long

Square should now measure $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ "