

Block of The Month 2023: Block #6

Here is our next log cabin variation -- called an Off-Center Log Cabin block. The 2023 focus fabric is from Hoffman and is called Paint Impressions. In addition to the focus fabric, you will need a white fabric and two additional coordinating fabrics based on the colors in the focus fabric. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.) We will have the focus fabric available for sale at guild meetings for \$3 per fat quarter.

Also, the Guild's website and Facebook page should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block.

Cut list -- For one block:

White: 1.5" X 60" strip (sub-cut into these lengths: 2.5", 3.5", 5.5", 6.5", 8.5", 9.5", 11.5", 12.5")

Focus Fabric: 2.5" X 3.5" strip; 2.5" X 5.5" strip

Coordinating fabric 1: 2.5" square; 2.5" X 9.5" strip; 2.5" X 11.5" strip

Coordinating fabric 2: 2.5" X 6.5" strip; 2.5" X 8.5" strip

This is put together like a traditional log cabin block – the off center comes from having different width strips.

Assembling the block: Use a scant quarter inch seam. Press to the newly added fabric

- Step one: join coordinating fabric 1-- 2.5" square with white 1.5" X 2.5" strip. Press. Add white 1.5" X 3.5" strip to an adjacent side and press. (Photo 2.)
- Repeat these steps with correct size pieces in the following order: focus fabric (2 pieces), white (2 pieces), coordinating fabric 2 (2 pieces), white (2 pieces), coordinating fabric 1 (2 pieces), white (2 pieces). If your pieces don't fit – check your seam allowance and that you have the correct fabric for the round.
- As you go along – you can check to see if you are sewing to the correct size because the block should be a square again after each pair of the same color of fabric is added. The size of the square should be the length of the longest strip just added. It is easier to make adjustments as you go – than wait until the end.
- Use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block. It should be 12.5" square.



Photo 2



Link to YouTube

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