

Block of The Month 2023: Block #12

Here is our next log cabin variation -- called an Updated Wonky 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: scrap pieces for two sides of block

Focus Fabric (center): no bigger than 3" square, with four straight sides

Coordinating fabrics: scrap pieces for two sides of block

Notes: All strips should be at least 1" wide and no wider than 3".

Block needs at least three complete rounds of strips outside of the center.

Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam. Press to the newly added fabric in each step except the first.

- Step one: Lay the piece of focus fabric center right side up with the side you want to add a strip to on your right. Choose any of your other fabrics and place this fabric wrong side up on the focus fabric, align the tops and the right sides. Make sure this strip is long enough to cover the length of the focus fabric and sew these together. For this step, press the seam to the darker fabric. (Photo 2.)
- Lay the piece in front of you as in photo 2. Turn the unit 90° in either direction. Remember the direction you choose and after each piece is added, you will turn your block in that direction. Use a rotary cutter and ruler and trim so the right edge is straight, don't worry if it is at an angle. Continue as in step one and lay the next fabric even with the right edge and top. Sew on the piece and press to the newly added fabric.

Construction Notes: I want to pause here, because this is where you need to take a look at you block and pay attention to the order you are adding fabrics. If your first two strips added were white, then the next two need to not be white fabric. This block is going to be assembled in the traditional log cabin layout: two adjacent sides are white and the other two are coordinating fabrics or the focus fabric. One other thing, it is easier if you wait to trim any strips you add until you get to that side. That is the method described above. If you trim before you get to the side, you may find you have trimmed too much.

- Continue to add strips, turning the block 90° each time you add a strip until it is roughly 13.5" square. If your 12.5" square up ruler can't cover the whole block, and there is extra showing on all sides it is large enough.
- Using the 12.5" square up ruler, square the block to 12.5". Move the ruler around until you find the final look you like best, while keeping in mind that each side should have at least four strips added to the center piece.



Photo 2



Photo 3

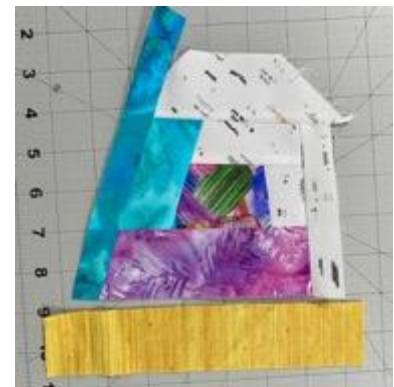


Photo 4



[Link to YouTube](#)

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