

Block of The Month 2023: Block #2

Hello – this month we are continuing our log cabin variations, and this is a log cabin twist. 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 three 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. This year, if you purchase focus fabric and turn in block of the month blocks for at least two months, we will refund your \$3.

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:

Other than the center fabric (focus fabric), you choose the placement of the white and the coordinating fabrics. Use two of them for rounds 1, 2 and 3 and then use the other two for rounds 4 & 5.

Center (focus fabric): One 3.25" square

Round 1: 2" X 3.75" rectangle – one of each color

Round 2: 2.25" X 4.75" rectangle – one of each color

Round 3: 3" X 5.75" rectangle – one of each color

Change colors

Round 4: 3.75" X 7.25" rectangle – one of each color

Round 5: 5" X 9.75" rectangle – one of each color

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

- Sub-cut round 1-5 fabrics. Stack same size rectangles with right sides up. Orient the pieces vertically and cut on the diagonal from the bottom left to the top right. (Photo 2) Next, all the resulting triangles from this cutting will have an approximate 60° angle at the intersection of the hypotenuse and the short edge of the triangle. Trim these using the 60° line on one of your rulers. Place the 60° line on the short edge and the cutting edge of the ruler ¼" in from the tip that connects with the hypotenuse. Trim this point. (Photos 3 and 3a.)
- 1st Border – we will now add the 1st round to the center square. Line up one edge of the square with the hypotenuse of a round 1 triangle. The trimmed point should just touch the adjacent edge of the square. (Photo 4) Sew together and press. Trim edge to match neighboring edge of the square. (Photo 6). This will be your next sewing edge. You should be adding pieces in a counterclockwise order. Line up the next piece of round 1 fabric – use the second color -- to this edge you just trimmed. The trimmed tip should match up to the fabric in front of the just trimmed corner. Continue around the square, alternating colors, until all sides have a triangle added. After you add the last piece, you should have a square again. This new square should be approximately 4.25". Remember to press after each piece is added.
- Repeat this process to add each new round. In order to help keep your block square, pick a different side to start each round – just make sure you are putting the colors on the correct sides. After round 2 the square should be approximately 5.5", round 3 – 7.25", round 4 – 9.5"
- Now to square it up. Use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block. Make sure there is fabric under all parts of the ruler, check that you leave a ¼" below the intersections of the alternating fabrics and trim to 12½" X 12½".

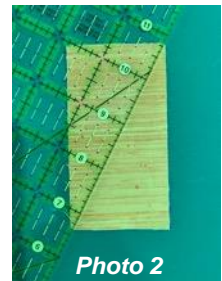


Photo 2



Photo 3

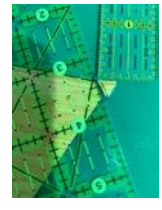


Photo 3a



Photo 4



Photos 5



Photo 6



[Link to YouTube](#)

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