

October 2007 Block of the Month

This month's block is called Double Strips. It makes a 10 inch block. This is a variation of a log cabin block.. Let's use up some of those blue scraps you have that are too big to throw away, but not big enough to do much with.

You will need 3 fabrics. 1 medium, 1 dark and 1 light. Smaller prints will work better as you will be using 1-1/2 inch strips for most of it.

As always, the more blocks you make, the more chances you will have to win all the blocks entered.

From the Medium fabric, cut a 2-12inch square.

From the light and the dark fabric cut 1-1/2 inch strips of each, equaling a total of about 60 inches long for each color. Sew these two strips together, side by side, using your standard 1/4 inch seam. Press the seams to the dark side.

From these strips, cut 4 8-1/2 inch pieces and 4 4-1/2 inch pieces.

Begin by placing the square at the end of one of the 4-1/2 inch pieces, right sides together, with the light side touching the square, as seen in the illustration. Sew that together BUT on the side with the "tail" of the strip, leave about an inch unsewn, to be connected with the fourth strip later. With the square at the top on the right side, add another of the strips, with the light color toward the square, right sides together, press and repeat for the third strip and the fourth strip. Once you have the fourth strip on the side with the square, you will be able to finish sewing the first strip and the square onto the end of the fourth strip. Follow the same process for the outer row of strips, using the 8-1/2 inch strips. You're Done!

If you have any questions or problems, please let me know.

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