

Block of the Month, April 2008

This block is a variation of the Log Cabin Block. We will be using bright shades of primary colors. You will need five different shades of the same color. The cutting method will make it easy to make more than one block if you are so inclined! Check the website or pick up a pattern at the March meeting! This is a fun block to make and with enough different blocks you can end up with a quite dramatic quilt, mostly from your scrap bag! Remember, for each block you donate to the charity projects, you get an extra chance to win the raffle. I'll bring a quilt top that I made from these blocks to the March meeting so you can get inspired!

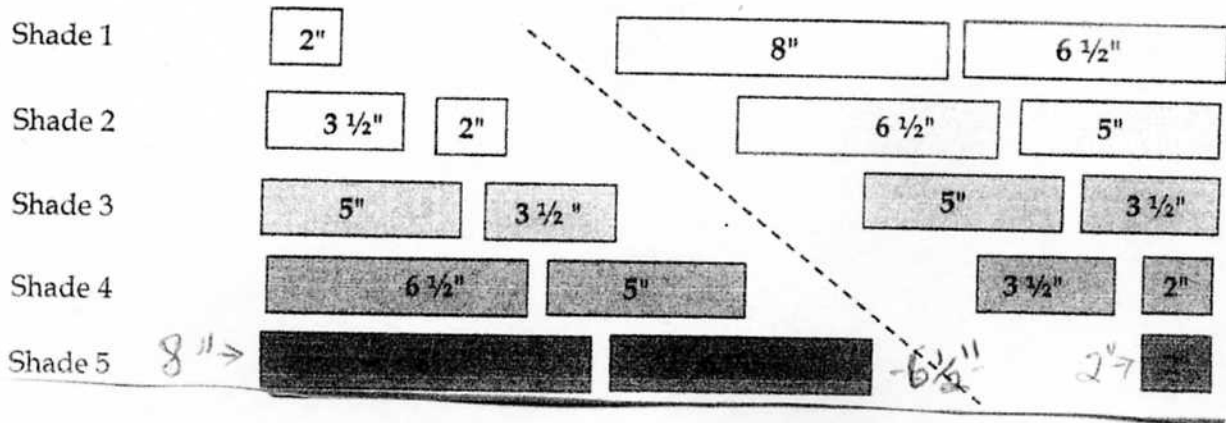
Using 19 inch x 2" strips as from a Fat Quarter, this will make two blocks one regular block and one reverse block.

Number shades 1 -5 starting with the shade 1 being the lightest

Cut the following :

- Shade 1 & 5 a 2" square , a 8" strip and a 6-1/2" strip
- Shades 2 & 4 a 3-1/2 " strip, 2" square, 6-12" strip, 5" strip
- Shade 3 2 5" strips and 2 3-1/2" strips

Divide as shown below:



Block Assembly: Assemble the regular blocks by starting with the shade 1 2" square and the shade 2 2" square. 1/4" seam. Press two pieces open. Add the shade 2 3-1/2 in strip to the left of the block, Press open. Add the 3-1/2" strip of shade 3 to the top of that square, and press open. Add the 5" strip of shade 3 to the left of the square, press open and add the 5" strip of shade 4 to the top. Press open, add the 6-1/2" strip of shade 4 to the top, press open, add the 6-1/2 ' strip of shade 5 to the left, and the 8" strip of shade 5 to the left. In this format, you will have the lightest shade in the small square on the right as you look at the block, with the darkest shade on the left and top of the block. Using the remaining pieces, starting with the small darkest 2"square and the shade 4 2" square follow the same directions but reverse the colors so that the lightest color pieces will be on the top and left side. A helpful hint, as you add a strip, remember that you will always have one seam to cover with each new piece. This should give you an 8" square (7-1/2" finished)

