

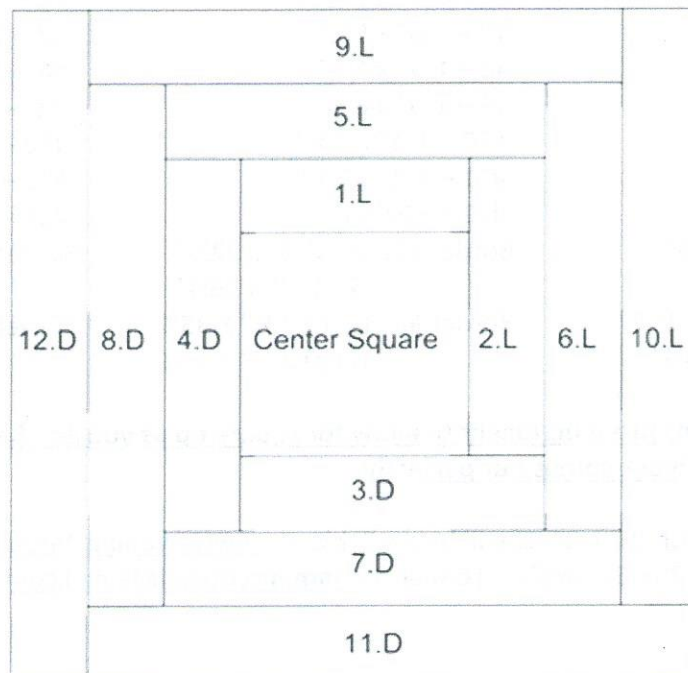
*Evening Star Quilt Guild
2014 Block of the Month*

"It All Began With Essie..."

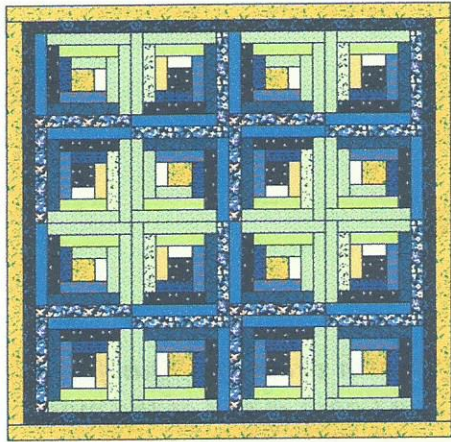


Welcome to the Evening Star Quilt Guild 2014 Block of the Month program. Our focus for this year will be the amazing "Log Cabin" quilt block. Log Cabin is one of the most versatile, interesting and exciting blocks in the quilting world. We will set ours to a story about an Indiana pioneer woman named Essie Greene who came to Indiana around 1810 at the age of 20 with her husband Edmund Greene and two year old daughter Violet. Together they began the building of their first home, a modest log cabin, and began a new life in the Indiana Territory. As they were building their home Essie worked in the evening to make blocks for quilts to warm her family. Here is the first block she made drawing inspiration from her new home: Log Cabin.

Piecing Diagram for traditional Log Cabin block: L = light fabric D = dark fabric This block is numbered 1-12 for the piecing order of a traditional log cabin block.



Essie was a skilled seamstress having been taught by her Grandmother and Mother and had a reputation of making lovely quilts and beautifully done clothing for her family. This skill would help her in this new land and of making do with what she had. Strips or "logs" of fabric made many useful items possible. Here is a project for you to enjoy and bring back next month!



This is a 16 block log cabin setting. You can make the blocks any size that you want. Below are listed the strip widths to cut for a 12" – 8" – 6" finished blocks. The border strip widths and lengths are also listed.

12" Finished Block

(55" square)

Center Square – 3 1/2"

#1 – 2" x 3 1/2"

#2 – 2" x 5"

#3 – 2" x 5"

#4 – 2" x 6 1/2"

#5 – 2" x 6 1/2"

#6 – 2" x 8"

#7 – 2" x 8"

#8 – 2" x 9 1/2"

#9 – 2" x 9 1/2"

#10 – 2" x 11"

#11 – 2" x 11"

#12 – 2" x 12 1/2"

Border #1: (2) @ 2" x 48 1/2"

(2) @ 2" x 51 1/2"

Border #2: (2) @ 2 1/2" x 51 1/2"

(2) @ 2 1/2" x 55 1/2"

8" Finished Block

(39" square)

Center Square – 2 1/2"

#1 – 1 1/2" x 2 1/2"

#2 – 1 1/2" x 3 1/2"

#3 – 1 1/2" x 3 1/2"

#4 – 1 1/2" x 4 1/2"

#5 – 1 1/2" x 4 1/2"

#6 – 1 1/2" x 5 1/2"

#7 – 1 1/2" x 5 1/2"

#8 – 1 1/2" x 6 1/2"

#9 – 1 1/2" x 6 1/2"

#10 – 1 1/2" x 7 1/2"

#11 – 1 1/2" x 7 1/2"

#12 – 1 1/2" x 8 1/2"

Border #1: (2) @ 2" x 32 1/2"

(2) @ 2" x 35 1/2"

Border #2: (2) @ 2 1/2" x 35 1/2"

(2) @ 2 1/2" x 39 1/2"

6" Finished Block

(31" square)

Center Square – 2"

#1 – 1 1/4" x 2"

#2 – 1 1/4" x 2 3/4"

#3 – 1 1/4" x 2 3/4"

#4 – 1 1/4" x 3 1/2"

#5 – 1 1/4" x 3 1/2"

#6 – 1 1/4" x 4 1/4"

#7 – 1 1/4" x 4 1/4"

#8 – 1 1/4" x 5"

#9 – 1 1/4" x 5"

#10 – 1 1/4" x 5 3/4"

#11 – 1 1/4" x 5 3/4"

#12 – 1 1/4" x 6 1/2"

Border #1: (2) @ 2" x 24 1/2"

(2) @ 2" x 27 1/2"

Border #2: (2) @ 2 1/2" x 27 1/2"

(2) @ 2 1/2" x 31 1/2"

TIP: Cut your strip lengths just a bit longer to allow for square up as you go. Be sure to square up at each round so that your block comes out perfectly.

Additional tips and help for this project will be available at: www.eveningstarquiltguild.com or Call Sherry McConnell @ 765-642-6969 or e-mail at: fam.mcconnell@gmail.com

HAVE FUN!