## LINCOLN'S LOGS

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Lincoln Logs were a popular toy when I was growing up. My sisters and I liked how they smelled and the great noise they made when you dropped them from a high place into their metal-bottomed storage can with the log cabin houses on it!

Finished quilt size: 19 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 23 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" Finished block size: 3 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 3 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

## MAKING THE QUILT BLOCKS

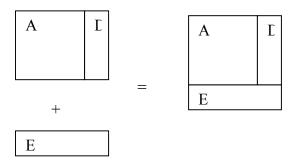
(measurements provided include 1/4" seam allowance)

This quilt consists of 12 off-center log cabin blocks. I used two different fabrics—a light and a dark flannel plaid—for each block.

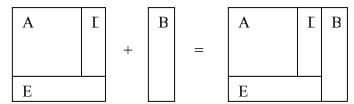
- 1. For **each** block, cut:
  - One 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" square from **light** fabric (A)
  - One 3 ½" x 1 ¼" strip from **light** fabric (B)
  - One  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " strip from **light** fabric (C)
  - One 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" strip from **dark** fabric (D)
  - One  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " strip from dark fabric (E)
- 2. Sew piece D to the right side of piece A. Press the seam open.

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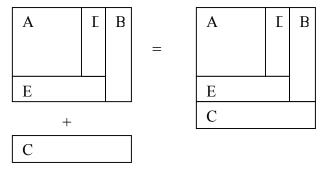
3. Sew piece E to the bottom of the unit you created in step 2. Press the seam open.



4. Sew piece B to the right side of the unit you created in step 3. Press the seam open.



5. Sew piece C to the bottom of the unit you created in step 4. Press the seam open.



- 6. Make a total of 12 blocks following steps 1-5.
- 7. From the sashing fabric, cut:
  - Eight strips that measure  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " (F)
  - Five strips that measure 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (G)
  - Two strips that measure  $18 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " (H)

## ASSEMBLING THE QUILT TOP

- 8. Sew the blocks and the short sashing pieces  $(4 \frac{1}{4}$ " x  $1 \frac{1}{4}$ ") between them into rows according to the diagram on page 3. Press the seams open.
- 9. Sew the five sashing strips that measure 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" to the rows you sewed in step 8 according to the diagram on page 3. Press the seams between the rows open. I find it much easier to **press after adding each row** rather than waiting until the end to press all the rows at once.
- 10. Sew the two sashing strips that measure  $18 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " to the sides of the quilt. Press seams toward the outside edge of the quilt.

#### ADDING THE BORDERS

11. Side Borders: Measure the sides of the quilt and cut 2 strips this length by 3 ¼" wide. Then sew these to the sides of your quilt. Press seams toward the outer edge of your quilt.

12. Top and Bottom Borders: Measure the top and bottom of your quilt and cut 2 strips this length by 3 ¼" wide. Then sew these to the sides of your quilt. Press seams toward the outer edge of your quilt.

# FINISHING THE QUILT

- 13. Baste the backing, batting, and quilt top layers together and hand or machine quilt as desired.
- 14. Cut 3 strips of binding fabric that measure 2" x 44" (or width of fabric) and join end-to-end to make one continuous strip. Fold and press the binding in half lengthwise and sew to the quilt.

## LAYOUT FOR LINCOLN'S LOGS

