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FINISHED SIZE: 55" X 69"

FABRIC:

Red: 1/4 yd

Orange: 3/8 yd

Yellow: 1/2 yard

Green: 1/2 yard

Blue: 3/8 yard

Purple: 1/4 yard

• Black: 3 1/4 yards

CUT:

Red: (2) 2" strips

Orange: (4) 2" strips

• Yellow: (6) 2" strips

• Green: (6) 2" strips

• Blue: (4) 2" strips

Purple: (2) 2" strips

 Black: (2) 6" strips cut into (12) 6" squares

 Black: (15) 2 1/2" strips

Black for borders:
 (6) 6 1/2" strips

Black for binding: (7) 2 1/2" strips

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Brook's First Quilt

Inspired by boundless energy and by attending her first quilt show, Brook designed this Log Cabin variation as her first quilt.

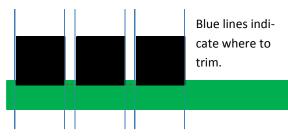
Begin by sewing the black squares to the 2' strips of colored fabric. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew:

- (1) square to a red strip and (1) square to a purple strip
- (2) squares to an orange strip and (2) squares to a blue strip
- (3) squares to yellow strip and (3) squares to a green strip.

For example:



Press toward the colored fabric and trim the colored strips even with the square.



You should now have (12) rectangles. With the colored strip at the top of the pieced rectangle, sew the (12) rectangles to strips of their respective colors. Press toward the colored fabric and trim the strip even with the rectangle.



Repeat for the other two sides of the rectangle until you have (12) black squares each with a colored border.

Follow the same procedure to sew the bordered squares to 2 1/2" strips, giving them a black border.

Now, add two colored borders to each square. Press toward the colored fabric. Add a third outside piece to one block of each color, as well as a fourth outside piece to the green block.

Assembling Brook's Quilt

To assemble the quilt, sew:

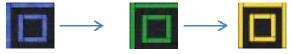
• Two-sided yellow to two-sided orange to red with black edge at bottom and third side of red to outside of strip. Press seams toward red edge.



• Two-sided green to two-sided yellow to three-sided orange with black edge at bottom and third orange side to outside of strip. Press seams toward green edge.



• Two-sided blue to two-sized green to three-sided yellow with black edge at bottom and third yellow side to outside of strip. Press seams toward yellow edge.

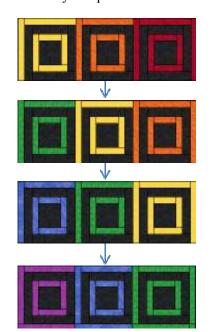


 Three-sided purple to three-sided blue to four-sided green as shown below. Press seams toward purple edge.

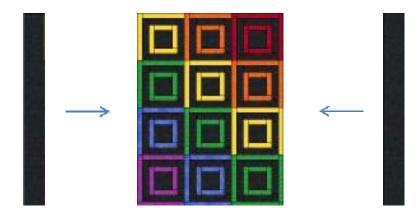


Alternating the direction you press the seams on each strip will make it easy to match the seams when you sew the strips together. Sew strips together matching the corners of the blocks. At this point, quilt should measure 43 1/2" x 57 1/2." If not, adjust border measurements below to fit your quilt.

The straight lines of this patterns give you the opportunity to line the ruler up with stitching lines and keep your blocks square with each added strip.



Sew three black border strips together end to end. Cut into (2) 6 1/2" x 57 1/2" strips. Mark the center of each border strip and the center of each side of the quilt. Matching the centers and the ends, sew a border strip to each side of the quilt.



Sew three black border strips together end to end and cut into (2) 6 1/2" x 55 1/2" strips. Mark the center of each border strip and the center of each side of the quilt. Matching the centers and the ends, sew a border strip to each side of the quilt.

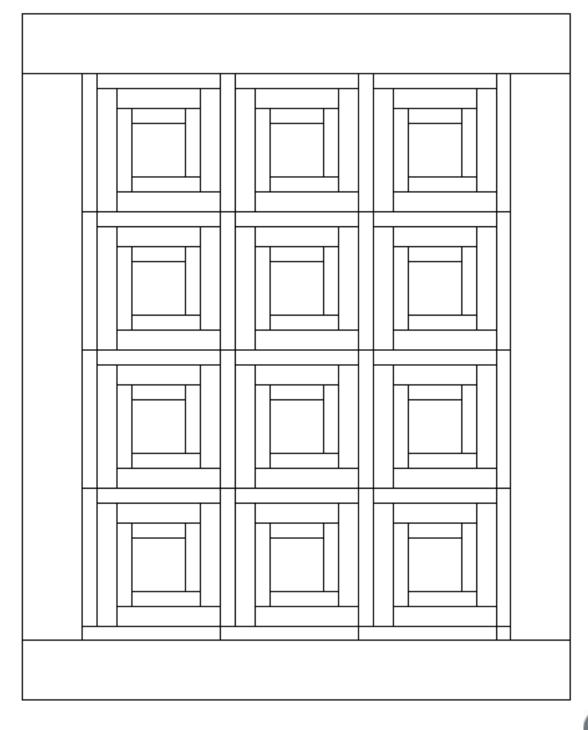


Layer, quilt and bind. (You can find more detailed instructions for finishing your quilts our app.)

This is a great quilt to use to practice sewing the quarter inch seam.
Check our app if you're not sure you've found your "true" quarter inch seam.



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Use this
drawing to
determine
your own
color choices.