

Block of the Month: July 2018

* Log Cabin Chicken *



There was a lot of interest for the Chicken Mini at the Quilt Show Mini Raffle. Thank you, Jane Garrettson for writing up the instructions of this chicken block.

Materials Needed

Assortment of black and white prints 1.5" strips

Optional: Cut as follows for traditional log cabin setting:

White: 1 each 1.5", 2.5", 3.5", 4.5"

Black: 2.5", 3.5", 4.5", (2) 5.5", 6.5"

Orange or Gold (for beak): 2" square

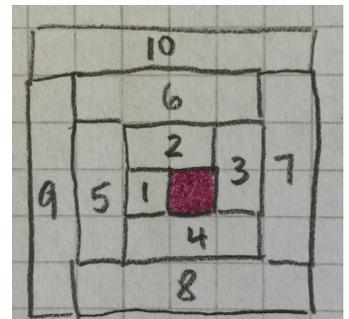
Red prints (variety): (1) 1" square, (1) 1.5" square, (1) 2" squares

Background - light: (3) 2" squares; (1) 1" square, (1) 4.5" x 1.5"; (2) 5.5" x 1.5"; (1) 8.5" x 6.5"; (1) 8.5" x 1.25"

Tear away stabilizer 8.5" x 6" Tip - For decorative stitching of the feet, pin stabilizer to the wrong side of fabric to prevent gathered stitches and wavy fabric.

Instructions

1. Start the log cabin chicken with one 1.5" red square. Build the log cabin by adding black and white print strips until you have added 10 pieces forming a 6.5" square. Note: Pieces 7, 8, 9, and 10 should be darker than background.
2. Make the tail by creating two half square triangles with black 2" square and background 2" square: Draw diagonal center on background square; sew 1/4" distance from drawn line on both sides; cut on line; press to dark side; trim to 1.5" square. = 2 HSTs.
3. Make comb with one red 2" square and 2" background square. Follow HSTs instruction from #2.
4. Make beak with one orange 2" square and one 2" background square. Follow HST instructions from #3. You will only use one of the HSTs.
5. Make wattle with (1) red 1" square and (1) background 1" square. Sew together, press, and trim.
6. Sew (2) tail HSTs together as shown in picture and sew 4.5"x1.5" background strip to it. Sew to log cabin unit.
7. Sew (2) comb HSTs together as shown in picture. Add 5.5"x1.5" background strip to it. Sew to log cabin unit at the top.
8. Sew wattle unit to orange beak as shown in picture. Add 5.5"x1.5" background unit. Sew to log cabin unit.
9. Sew 8.5"x1.25" background to top of block, and sew 8.5"x6.5" background to bottom of block.
10. Add legs with zigzag stitch, embroidery or add mini rick-rack. Make them look a bit goofy.
11. Finished unit should measure: **8.5" x 14.25**.



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