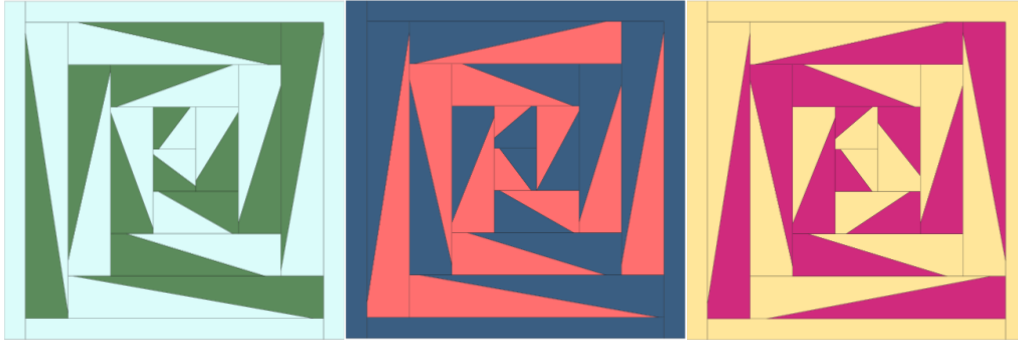


HALF-RECTANGLE TRIANGLE LOG CABIN



These blocks are like regular log cabin blocks, but using Half-Rectangle Triangle (HRT) strips. The HRTs used here are not precisely measured and do not require any special rulers or techniques. You will need an accent colour and a background fabric for each block, although you can add additional fabrics to each block if you like. You can make each block with the same fabrics, or different ones for each block.

The explanation here uses the example of a final block trimmed to 16". With each strip at 2" wide. However, you can scale strips/block up and down to any size.

Each 16" block needs less than a FQ of accent colour, and about a FQ + 4" for the background fabric (this is for the borders around each block, and can also be omitted if you like).

The 'rule' is that you cut starter pieces 2" longer than your final strip, and 1.5" wider than your final strip. (e.g. If your final HRT strip, when sewed into the block, needs to be 2"x10", then your starter pieces are 3.5"x12")

For a 16" final block, cut the following starter pieces from both colour and background fabric (each pairing gives you 2 HRTs):

A: 3.5"x3.5"	E: 3.5"x12"
B: 3.5"x6"	F: 3.5"x14"
C: 3.5"x8"	G: 3.5"x16"
D: 3.5"x10"	

Place 1 colour fabric on top of 1 background fabric
Both with right sides facing up.
Cut through both layers at an angle, in any direction you like.
See diagram.



Take 1 of the cut pieces of colour and match with a cut piece of background. Do the same for the 2 remaining pieces. Sew along the diagonal.



Press seams to the darker fabric.
Now trim the HRT to the correct size (see dotted line in diagram). No need to line up the seamline in the middle.
Position it any way you like.

For the 16" block you will need to trim the HRTs to the following sizes (you will have 2 of each size). These sizes include seam allowance:

A: 2.5"x2.5"	E: 2.5"x10.5"
B: 2.5"x4.5"	F: 2.5"x12.5"
C: 2.5"x6.5"	G: 2.5"x14.5"
D: 2.5"x8.5"	

Now plan your layout according to the diagram.
As you sew on each new strip, press the seams away from the centre square.

Sew the A to the A.

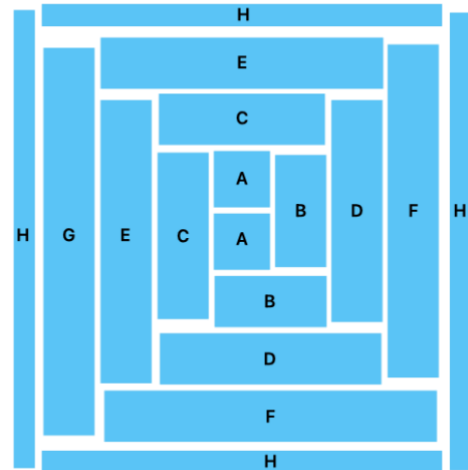
Sew B to AA.

Sew B to AB.

Sew C to AAB...

Continue this way, in a clockwise direction, always pressing seams away from the centre.

You will only need 1 of the G strips.



Press the entire block and decide if you would like to attach borders (H), and if so, then with which width? Cut the border strips from the background fabric at the desired final width plus 0.75" (this gives you leeway when trimming). Attach the border strips and press. Now square up the block by trimming to 16".

You can make as many of these blocks as you like and combine to create a throw size, wall hanging or any size bed quilt!

Happy quilting!!!
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