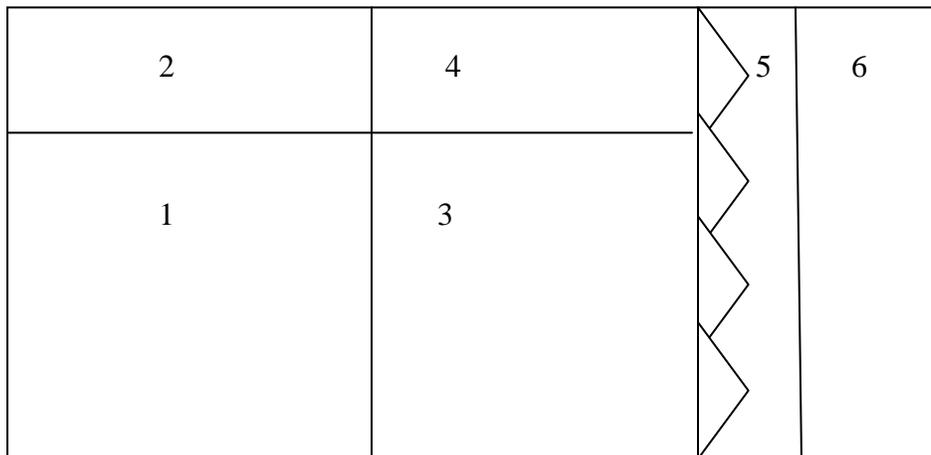


How to make an Illinois block

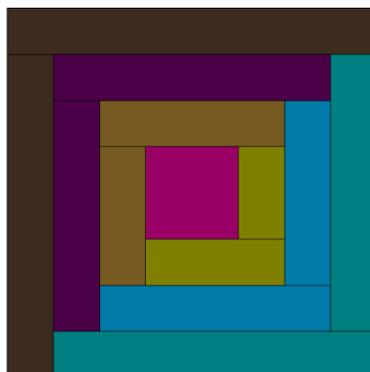
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The finished block measures 6" x 12" and was made in 6 sections.



1. I began by making a log cabin block, which finishes at 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". Cut a 2" x 2" square for the center and 1" strips of fabric for the logs.



2. After you pick your center square, you will need 6 strips of a lighter fabric and 6 strips of a darker fabric to surround it.

Cut one light (or med) strip of each size

1" x 2"

1" x 2 1/2"

1" x 3"

1" x 3 1/2"

1" x 4"

1" x 4 1/2"

Cut one medium or dark strip of each size

1" x 2 1/2"

1" x 3"

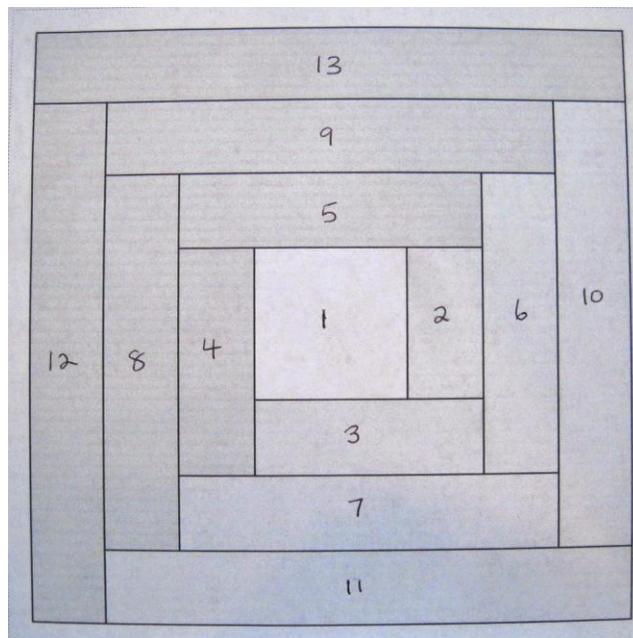
1" x 3 1/2"

1" x 4"

1" x 4 1/2"

1" x 5"

3. Begin by sewing strip # 2 to # 1, the center square. Sew the remaining "logs" around this unit, following the number sequence below and trimming the block as you go. You should end up with a 5" x 5" unfinished block.



4. I found a black and white graphic of President Lincoln on the internet and created a Word file in which I surrounded the image with the words "Land of Lincoln." Next, I ironed a piece of light fabric to freezer paper (cut the paper 8 1/2" x 11") and ran it through the printer to print out the image onto the fabric. I also did the same with the words "Illinois" and "Prairie State" (using a nice font) on different colored fabric. Peel the freezer paper off the fabric and cut the pieces as follows:

Illinois section - 2" x 5"

Lincoln section - 4 1/2" x 5"

Prairie State section - 6 1/2" x 2 3/4"

5. Cut the brown strip between the Lincoln section and the Prairie State section 1 3/4" x 6 1/2" and set aside.

6. Assemble the block by first sewing the Illinois section to the top of the log cabin block.

7. To the top of the Lincoln section, sew a piece of fabric cut 2" x 4 1/2". (I sketched the Chicago skyline first on paper, drew it on the fabric and then embroidered it onto this piece after the entire block was completed.

8. I cut 4 squares for the Prairie Points, 2" x 2". Follow directions for making Prairie Points here on my blog <http://sentimentalquilter.blogspot.com/2014/04/prairie-points-tutorial.html> Just remember to cut the squares smaller.

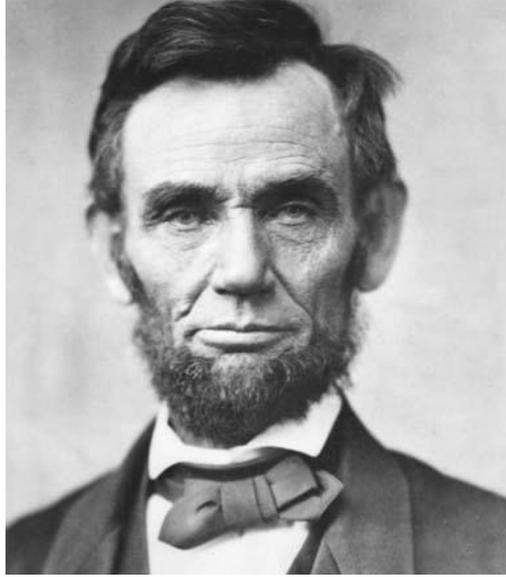
Baste the points to the brown fabric strip and then sew this strip to the Lincoln section.

9. Sew the Prairie State section to the right end of the block.

10. Using 2 strands of colored floss, I first drew and then stitched a line of flowers along the edge of the block. I made the flowers using a lazy daisy stitch with purple thread and for the stems, leaves and grass I used green floss.

11. On the top of the block I used a double strand of dark grey floss to embroider the skyline.





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