

MICRO PIECING

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SMALL-PIECING LOG CABINS

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A surefire way to slow down your machine stitching is to stitch small things. And then challenge yourself to sew smaller. I know you can! And then consider the exciting visual impact of the use of varied scaling of blocks in your design work.

Start with 3/4" strips of various fabrics that are of high contrast. And then build this log cabin variation as demonstrated in the video.

Sew with 1/4" seams, as usual. You'll square up after each addition, trimming the new log back to 3/8" width so that each log finishes with 1/8" visible.

The seams will "lock" onto each other since we use 1/4" seams on 1/8" logs.

Scale down other blocks for fun. Here are some tips:

- "Small" is defined by the maker.
- Fabrics that are adjacent should have high contrast.
- Seam allowances should avoid bulk. Sometimes this means using skinnier seams (if not laundering the quilt), grading seams after stitching, or making inconsistent choices about how to press (to the side or open).
- Precision piecing must be precise since small errors can have greater impact when working on a small scale.
- Finger press parts to keep seams crisp along the way. Press with a hot iron and steam every so often, but take great care not to distort your work.
- Efficiency makes work more pleasant. Arrange your workspace for sewing, cutting and pressing to be nearby. Work in batches and stay organized. Slow and steady...



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- 520 Lemon
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