

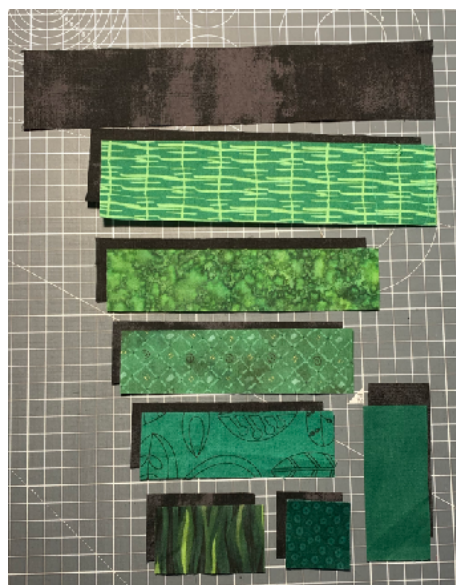
MODERN ART QUILTERS

Block of the Month



Block Five - Log Cabins

Lots of Variations...



A



B

There was an interesting amount of divergence of thought on this month's blocks, and, to be honest, we could probably have made about 1000 more ideas without breaking sweat..

HH made four 8-inch finished blocks in Curly Spirals

HB went for two different ideas made as 4-inch and 6-inch blocks - Bento Boxes and Bento Logs

These blocks need to be pieced with a reasonably accurate 1/4 inch seam - tutorial here

<https://www.littlepatchpockets.co.uk/patterns/tutorials/tutqtrinchseams.pdf>

For the Spirally Logs (in green above), start by cutting your pieces - HH used 8 shades of green and black for the ground - this will also work if scrappy logs are made against a consistent ground (A)



C

For one 8-inch sub-block

1 each in feature fabric and background
 1-1/2 inches square
 1-1/2 by 2-1/2 inches
 1-1/2 by 3-1/2 inches
 1-1/2 by 4-1/2 inches
 1-1/2 by 5-1/2 inches
 1-1/2 by 6-1/2 inches
 2 by 7-1/2 inches
 plus one piece in the feature fabric
 2 by 9 inches



D

Set your sewing machine for a short stitch and check that the tension is lovely before you start to sew. Make sure you are getting a good 1/4 inch seam each time
 Sew all seams by putting the Right sides together - if you have trouble keeping the edges together, pin!

Use a toning cotton thread...



E

Sew the two 1-1/2 inch squares, one from each colour set, to each other; press (B)

Sew a 1-1/2 by 2-1/2 inch rectangle to either side of the pair of central squares, press outwards
 (Also B)



F

Repeat this with each pair of rectangles, in order of size and paying attention to the spiral to make sure it is actually spiralling... (C, D, E, F)

Press each round outwards

The last pair of pieces are little longer than needed and these and the final single feature fabric piece are a little wider - this gives you room to trim your blocks (G) (H)



G

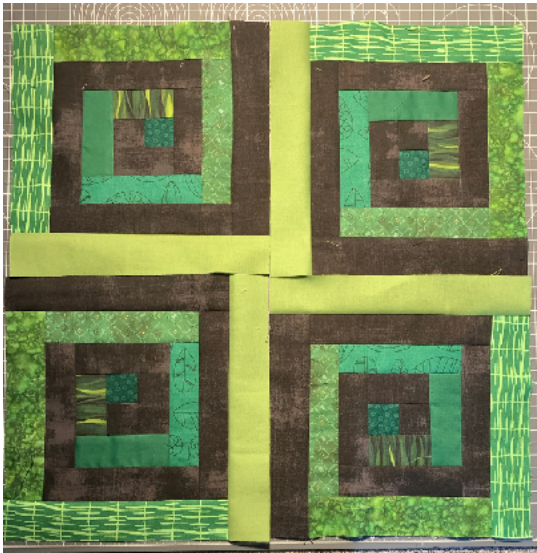


H

Make three more blocks...

Check and trim all the blocks (to 8-1/2 inches), and sew the blocks together into one 16-1/2 inch block... (H)

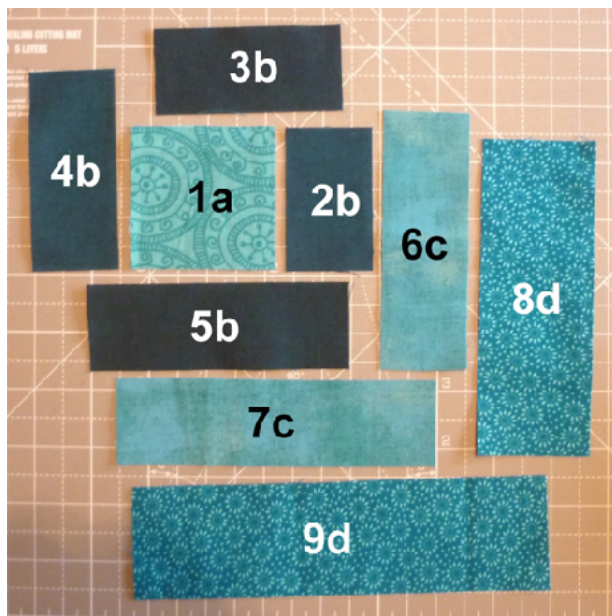
You will find that there are several ways to arrange the sub-blocks, each giving a different look (J, K)



J



K



BENTO LOGS – Block finishes to 6 x 6 inches

Made in four colours: a, b, c and d

1a – 2½ x 2½ inches

2b – 1½ x 2½ inches

3b – 1½ x 3½ inches

4b – 1½ x 3½ inches

5b – 1½ x 4½ inches

6c – 1½ x 4½ inches

7c – 1½ x 5½ inches

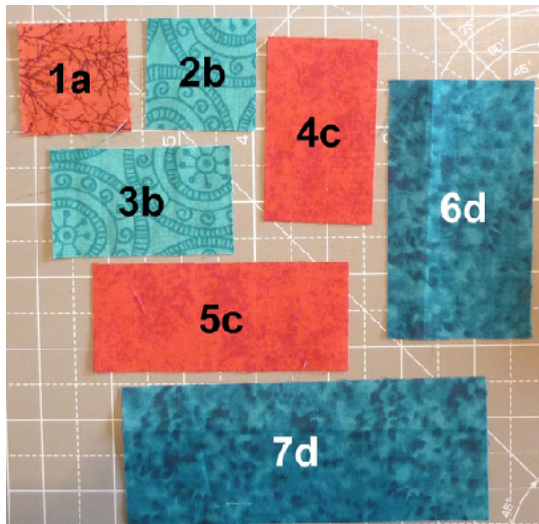
8d – 2 x 5½ inches

9d – 2 x 7 inches

Assemble in number order, pressing to the last piece added each time, and trim the finished block to 6-1/2 inches square...

There are four of these in the finished big block

See the images at the top for assembling the 16-inch finished block...



BENTO BOXES – Block finishes to 4 x 4 inches

Made in four colours: a, b, c and d

1a – 1½ x 1½ inches

2b – 1½ x 1½ inches

3b – 1½ x 2½ inches

4c – 1½ x 2½ inches

5c – 1½ x 3½ inches

6d – 2 x 3½ inches

7d – 2 x 5 inches

Sew in number order, pressing each seam towards the last piece added

When the pieces are all assembled, press again neatly and trim to 4-1/2 inches square

There are seven of these in the big block above...

