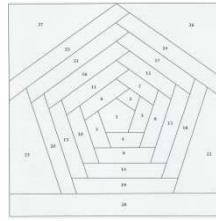


AUGUST BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Log Cabin Birdhouse



Foundation Pieced



Paper Piecing

1. Cut a piece of fabric large enough to cover the piece #1 plus at least a quarter inch seam allowance. Place the piece of fabric on the back of the foundation paper with the wrong side of the fabric facing the back of the foundation paper taking care to watch the grain line of the fabric. Hold the paper up to a light source to make sure that the piece of fabric is covering foundation piece #1 with at least a quarter of an inch overhang on all sides. If desired, hold this first piece of fabric in place with a dab of glue from a glue stick.
2. Cut a piece of fabric large enough to cover piece #2, again with at least a quarter of an inch seam allowance all around. Place this piece of fabric on the wrong side of the foundation square with the right side of this new fabric piece on top of the right side of fabric piece #1. There should be at least a quarter of an inch seam allowance extending into foundation piece #2.
3. Carefully turn the foundation paper over so the marked side of the paper is facing you taking care not to disturb either fabric piece that has just been placed. Sew on the line of the foundation which divides piece #1 and piece #2.
Fold fabric piece #2 over the seam just sewn and perform a quick check that this piece has been properly placed by holding the foundation paper up to light source. Foundation piece #2 should be totally covered by this new piece of fabric with at least a quarter of an inch extra on all sides. If it doesn't, remove the stitching and reposition the fabric, then re-sew the seam.
4. When fabric piece #2 has been correctly positioned and sewn, place the block on a rotary cutting mat with the printed side of the foundation block facing upwards. Fold the foundation paper on the seam line just sewn so that the printed sides of that paper are facing each other and the seam allowance of fabric piece #1 and fabric piece #2 is exposed. Trim the seam allowance to one quarter of an inch. A rotary cutter will make this step much easier.
5. Unfold the foundation paper and press fabric piece #2 into position. While finger pressing will work, pressing with an iron will produce a more accurate block and also flattens the fold line foundation paper out.
6. Repeat steps 3 and 5 to attach the remaining fabric pieces to the foundation paper.
7. When all of the pieces of fabric have been attached to the foundation paper, give the block a final pressing. Next, trim the edges of the block making sure to leave a quarter of an inch seam allowance on all sides of the block. The foundation paper can be removed at this point or the paper can be left in the blocks until the blocks have been set together.

August block of the month pattern is for 7 ½" square finished. Please extend at least ¼" on each side. Do not forget to sew last seam past the outside lines.

