

## Projects

### Log Cabin Pieced Holiday Pillows



If you're a fan of log cabin quilts, you're sure to love the simplistic nature of this pillow. The Baby Lock Presto sewing machine makes sewing fun and easy when decorating for Christmas.

**Skill Level: Beginner**

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**Supplies:**

Baby Lock® Presto sewing machine  
1 Jelly Roll Holiday print fabric  
½ Yard of white holiday tone-on-tone fabric for backing  
16" Pillow form  
Baby Lock Ultra Soft Stabilizer (BLC204)  
Madeira® Cotona thread to match fabric  
Rotary cutter, mat and ruler  
¼" foot

**Instructions:**

The supply list will make one pillow. Use the layout at the end of the project with the piecing order for the pillow top.

### At the Cutting Table:

1. From the jelly roll cut the following sections:
  - From the darkest jelly roll fabric length cut a 2 ½" square for the center.
  - For the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sections cut a 2 ½" square and a 2 ½" x 4 ½" from a light section.
  - For the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> sections cut a piece 2 ½" x 4 ½" and a section 2 ½" x 6 ½" from a dark section.
  - For the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> sections cut a piece 2 ½" x 6 ½" and a 2 ½" x 8 ½" from another a different light section.
  - For the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> sections cut a piece 2 ½" x 8 ½" and another 2 ½" x 10 ½" from a different dark print.
  - For the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> sections cut a piece 2 ½" x 10 ½" and another 2 ½" x 12 ½" from another light fabric.
  - For the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> sections cut a piece 2 ½" x 12 ½" and another 2 ½" x 14 ½" from another dark print.
2. Cut a 14 ½" x 14 ½" square from the tone-on-tone fabric for the backing.

### At the Sewing Machine:

1. Set up the machine for sewing:
  - Thread the machine.
  - Wind the bobbin with the same thread as used for the upper thread.
  - Snap on the ¼" quilting foot to the shank.
  - Select a straight stitch with the needle positioned ¼" from the guide.
2. Sew the first square to the second square as shown in the layout below.
3. Press the seam toward the darker fabric. Note: pressing is very important and should always be performed after each seam has been stitched. The quilt top will have a neater and more professional look.
4. Sew the third section to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> section. Be sure that the raw edges are even. Pin the sections together for to keep the fabric from shifting.
5. Continue to sew the sections together in the order shown on the layout below.
6. Fuse a 14 ½" x 14 ½" piece of the Ultra Soft stabilizer to the backside of the quilted pillow top.
7. To quilt the pillow top, top stitch 1/8" away from each of the seam lines. This will give the pillow some depth.
8. Square up the pillow top to measure 14 ½" x 14 ½".
9. Place right sides together for the front and back. Using a ¼" seam allowance stitch around the outer edge of the pillow. When you get to the corners round off the corner rather than stitching to a point. Note: When you turn the pillow right side out the corners will be square. Leave an 8" opening for inserting and turning the pillow.
10. Trim the corners and turn right side out.
11. Sew the opening closed.

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## Log Cabin Layout & Sewing Order

The finished size of the block is 14" square

