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LOG CABIN BLOCK (9 1/2")

- CUT:**
- One 1 1/2" red square for the center.
 - Four various 1 1/2" wide strips of dark fabrics
 - Four various 1 1/2" wide strips of light fabrics

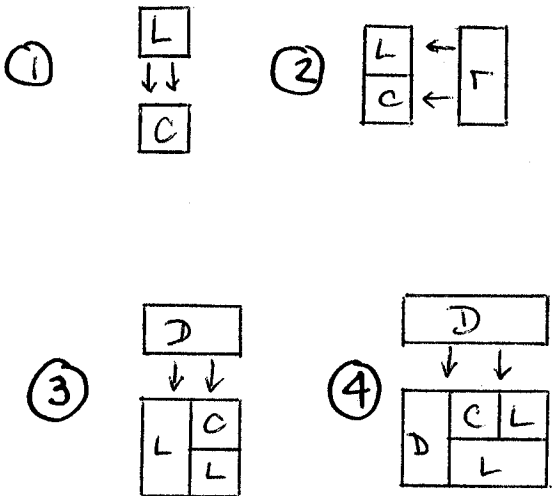
HINT: You will have a more pleasing block if you begin sewing using the lighter values of each of your fabrics and end with the darkest values.

METHOD: With right sides together, sew a strip of light fabric to your red square *using a "scant" 1/4" seam*. Cut strip flush with the edge of the red square. Press seam to set stitches, then press seam open (away from center square) being careful not to distort fabric. *Always turning block in a clockwise direction*, sew the same light fabric to the second side of your center square following the above instructions. Sew a dark strip to the third and fourth sides of square (as above) and you will have completed the first 'round'.

Following the light, light, dark, dark order, complete a total of 4 'rounds'. Your block should measure 9 1/2" when complete.

P.S. There is a good reason for starting with 'lights' and always turning in a clockwise direction. The person who wins the blocks will have a much more uniform looking quilt as well as one that is easier to assemble !

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