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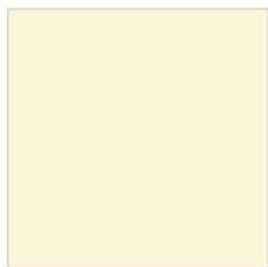
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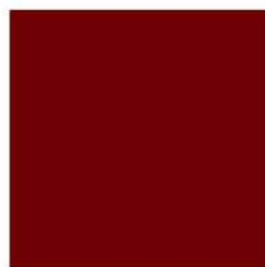
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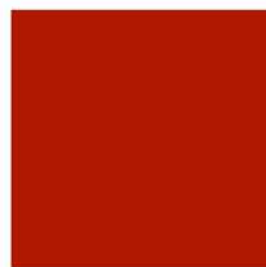
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Fabric Supplies:

- 1/2 yard 36545-6 Brown
- 1/2 yard 36545-2 Purple
- 1/2 yard 36545-4 Madder Red
- 5/8 yard 36545-9 Cheddar
- 5/8 yard 36545-1 Ivory
- 1/2 yard 36545-3 Indigo
- 7/8 yard 36545-8 Poison Green (includes 14" for binding)
- 1/2 yard 36545-7 Chrome Yellow
- 5/8 yard 36545-5 Turkey Red

NOTE: *The nature of this quilt is improvisational. The cutting of strips for the "fractured jewels" insets is subjective and you can place the strips in whatever order you desire. And the length of the wider "logs" is also subjective. The width of your sections is standardized so that the quilt will finish to 54" x 54". Don't be afraid to be both creative and to improvise as you go along.*

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Preparing the strips for the fractured jewels cuts:

We are working with 9 solid colors and will be cutting varying strip widths to make the fractured jewels insets.

1. Making Strata #1: From each of the 9 colors cut one strip, each one being a different width ranging from 1" to 3". As you can see in Diagram 1, this creates the illusion of randomness and once set into the quilt, causes the eye to travel across the face of the quilt. Re-cut each strip into two 22" lengths. Sew into a strip set according to your own color sequence, taking care that the varying widths are randomly placed. Press seams in one direction.

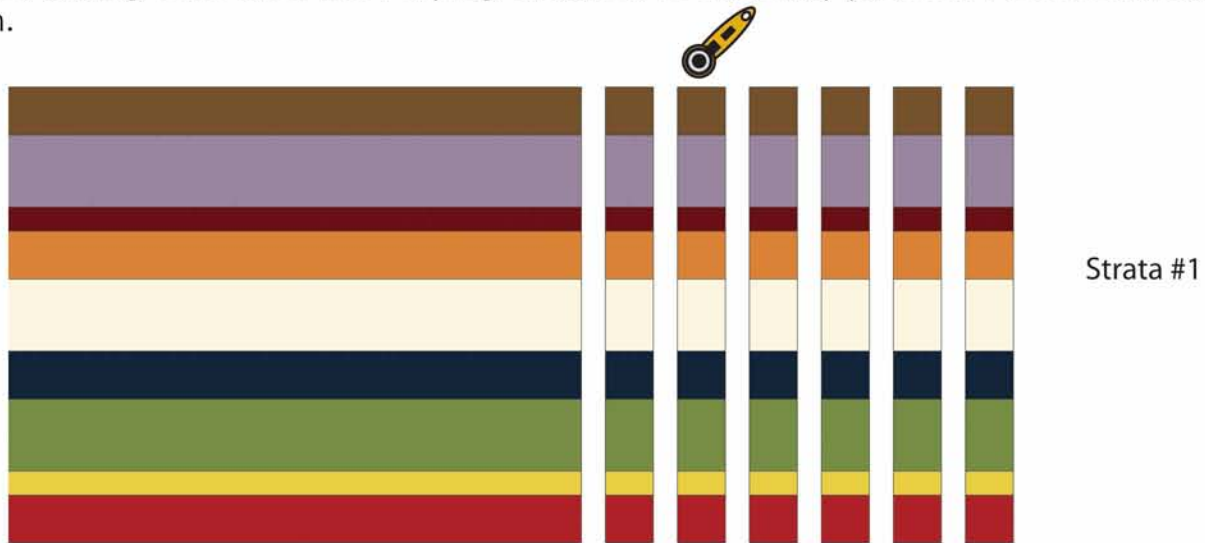


Diagram 1 Cut apart vertically into 1-1/4" wedges

2. Making Strata #2: Using the remaining nine strips (22" lengths), sew another strip set, rearranging the colors in a different sequence as in Strata #1. See Diagram 2. Press seams.

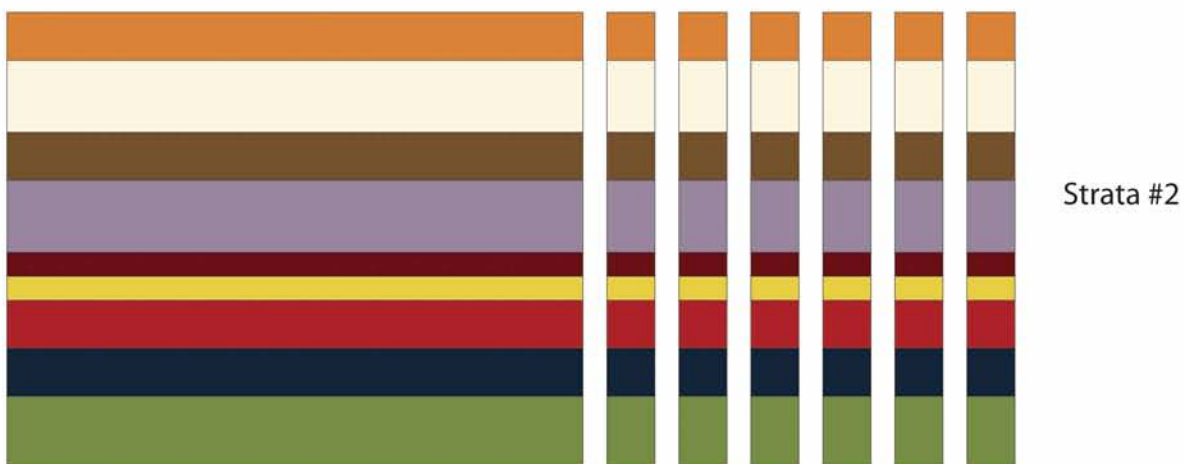


Diagram 2 Cut apart vertically into 1-1/4" wedges

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- Cut your strip sets apart into 1-1/4" wedges. See both Diagrams 1 and 2.
- Stitch together the 1-1/4" wedges into longer strips as shown in Diagrams 3 and 4. You don't have to sew all of them to go on to the next step. You will need 3 or 4 long strips to get started.



Diagram 3

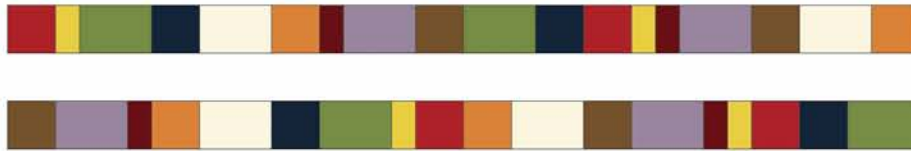


Diagram 4

Two different strata strips

For the main “logs” we will cut 3" x wof strips from the 9 colors. These will be re-cut as we join the logs to the fractured jewels strata strips. These 3" logs are one color until we reach the last two borders because their width of 42" is not enough to make a 44-54" size. Note the irregular strip lengths in the borders, which gives even more movement to the quilt.

- Cut one 3" x wof strip from each of the 9 colors. Now we begin our log cabin approach to this quilt. (You will cut more 3" strips as you need them.)
- Begin with a 3" x 3" square of red (or any other color) for the center. This is labeled Patch 1. Sew one of the 1-1/4" Strata wedges to the bottom edge and trim even with the center red square; measure and cut your second color 3" log (in this case, green) to sew onto the left side of the red log. This is labeled Patch 2 in Diagram 5.

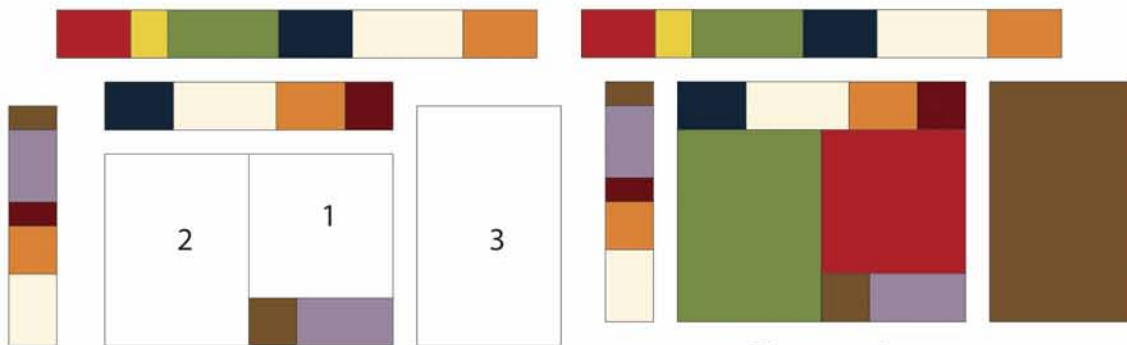


Diagram 5

Diagram 6

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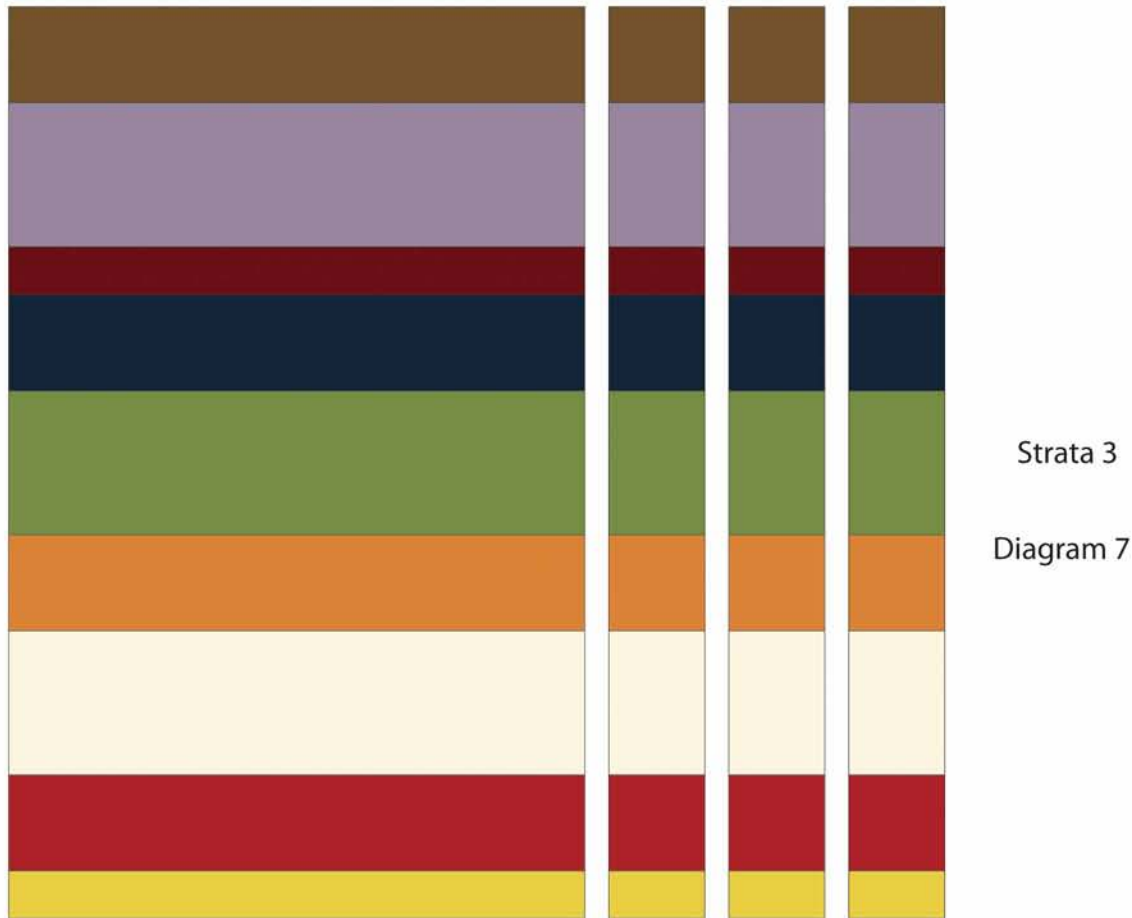


Actual Center layout

7. Measure and cut a 1-1/4" strata strip to sew on the TOP of the red log (see Diagram 5). Do the same for the left side of the Patch #2.
8. Referring to the color photo, and trusting your own creative self, sew rounds of the 1-1/4" stratas and the 3" logs together. Note that all the 3" log rows are composed of only 2 colors (left-top is one color and bottom-right is a second) until you reach the yellow/turkey red rows. Now it's time to make a second set of fractured jewels stratas, which will be wider.
9. Cut a strip from each of the 9 colors, varying the width to between 1" and 3". Cut these into 22" widths so you can make two sets with differing color sequence. Seam together as before with Stratas 1 & 2. Press seams. Now re-cut these into 2-1/2" wedges. See Diagram 7. Diagram 8 shows a long strip made with both strata sets (2-1/2" widths).
10. Continue your log cabin sewing after the yellow/turkey red logs using these wider fractured jewels units. Cut 3" strips of the 9 colors as you sew, selecting the colors you wish and now you will be using two or more colors in each of the row sides. Cut random length logs, sew and trim.
11. For the final row (which serves as your border), cut several strips 4-1/2" wide and sew to the last row of the fractured jewels row. Again, trust your own instinct in how long to make them. Our quilt has a variety of lengths, along with a few squares.
12. Quilt center now measures approximately 54" x 54". Layer and quilt as desired.
13. Cut 6 strips 2-1/4" x wof of the Poison Green fabric to use for quilt binding.

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Cut apart vertically into 2-1/2" wedges

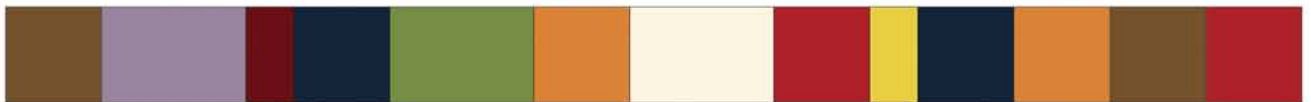


Diagram 8

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