



CRAZY LOG CABIN QUILT

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After sewing, each quilt square will be between 11 ½ and 12 inches. For a block this size, I like to start off with strips 2 inches to 4 inches wide. Of course, this is a crazy quilt so strips that are smaller or larger could work.

In this demonstration, I will be cutting a strip that is about 2 inches wide from a 44-45 inch length of fabric. We don't have to worry about being precise, but I do need to have at least one straight edge on the strip.

First, I fold the fabric from selvage to selvage. Then I fold it again. I make sure that one of the folds is lined up with one of the lines on my mat. Then I place my ruler over the fabric. I want a 2 inch strip so I measure at least 2 inches from the edge. I open my rotary blade and I cut away from my body. I now have at least one straight edge on my strip that I can use on the logs.

You may want to use scraps of fabric. To cut scraps, I like to cut strips from the longest side of the fabric. So instead of cutting strips from this section, I would be cutting from the length. So to do this, I'm going to fold my fabric, once again, from selvage to selvage, and then I'm going to fold it again. I like to line up my fabric along one of the lines on my mat. I take my rotary ruler and let's try 3 inches on this one. I'm going to cover at least 3 inches on my ruler, open up my blade, cut away from me, make sure my blade is closed, and I have a strip that has at least one straight edge that I can use. Notice, in this case, this strip is probably 3 inches up here to maybe 2- 2 ½ inches down here and that's okay. I need just one straight edge.

To cut strips with scissors, you will need to mark your fabric, first using a yard stick and a pencil. Since I'm going to cut 2 inch strips, or about 2 inch strips, I'm going to mark 2 inches and I need at least one straight line, so I draw a line between. To cut with my scissors, I need to pin this because I am going through at least two lengths of fabric to make it a little bit easier. I'll take my scissors and I