


TUTORIAL: LOG CABIN QUILT BLOCK WITH CARTOON TURTLES

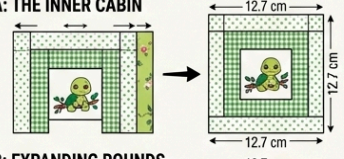
STEP 1: PREPARE SUPPLIES



COLLECT & CUT FABRICS: (All measurements in CM)
 - **3 Center Squares:** Fussy-cut 12.7 x 12.7 cm.
 - **Strip Fabrics:** Cut into 6.5 cm wide strips of various lengths (Floral, Gingham, Star).
 - **Binding:** Cut strips 6.5 cm wide.
 - **Batting & Backing:** 40 x 40 cm.
TOOLS: Sewing machine, thread, cutting mat, rotary cutter, ruler, pins, iron.

STEP 3: BUILD THE BLOCK

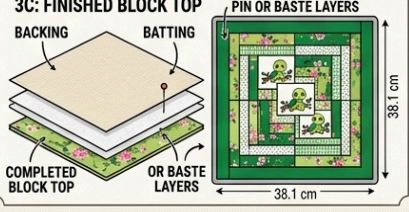
3A: THE INNER CABIN



3B: EXPANDING ROUNDS

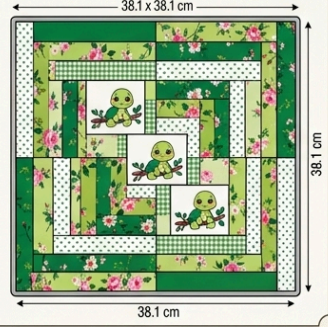
- Add 10cm Floral
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3C: FINISHED BLOCK TOP



BACKING, BATTING, PIN OR BASTE LAYERS, COMPLETED BLOCK TOP, OR BASTE LAYERS

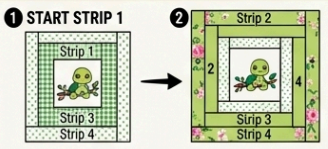
STEP 4: LAYERING & QUILTING



38.1 x 38.1 cm

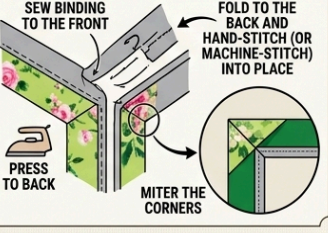
STEP 2: ASSEMBLY METHOD

1 START STRIP 1 → **2**




MÉTODO: 1/4 POLEGADA SEAM ALLOWANCE (6.5 MM) PENSAR APÓS CADA COSTURA (PRESS AWAY FROM CENTER)


STEP 5: BINDING & FINISHING





SEW BINDING TO THE FRONT, FOLD TO THE BACK AND HAND-STITCH (OR MACHINE-STITCH) INTO PLACE, PRESS TO BACK, MITER THE CORNERS


LEGEND: PRINCIPAIS MÉTODOS DE COSTURA E QUILT DOS EUA

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1/4 INCH SEAM (6.5MM)
- Standard for US quilting
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PRESSING
- Critical for flat seams; press to one side
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HAND BINDING
- Traditional finishing; very neat
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STITCH-IN-THE-DITCH
- Sewing on the seam line to hide stitches
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FREE-MOTION QUILTING
- Creating decorative designs

Step 1: Prepare Your Supplies

Before you begin sewing, take your time to gather and prepare everything carefully. This step is essential because accurate cutting and organized materials will make the entire process smoother and more enjoyable.

Start with your fabrics. You will need **three center squares**, each measuring **12.7 cm x 12.7 cm (5" x 5")**. These are your “fussy-cut” pieces, meaning you should carefully cut them to highlight the cute cartoon turtle designs in the center.

Next, prepare your strip fabrics. Cut multiple strips that are **6.5 cm (2.5") wide**. These strips can vary in length and should include a mix of prints such as floral, gingham, and other coordinating patterns. These strips will be used to build the log cabin effect around your center squares.

For the finishing stage, prepare:

- **Binding strips:** also cut at **6.5 cm (2.5") wide**
- **Batting and backing fabric:** each should measure approximately **40 cm x 40 cm (about 16" x 16")**

Now gather your tools:

- Sewing machine
- Thread (matching or neutral)
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Pins
- Iron

Having everything ready and within reach will help you stay focused and precise.

Step 2: Assembly Method

Now you will begin assembling your quilt block using the **log cabin technique**, which builds outward from the center.

Start with one of your center squares. Choose your first strip (Strip 1) and align it along one side of the square, right sides together. Sew using a **¼ inch seam allowance (6.5 mm)**, which is the standard in U.S. quilting.

After sewing, press the seam with your iron. Always press **away from the center** to reduce bulk and keep your block flat.

Next, take Strip 2 and sew it to the adjacent side of the square. Continue adding strips in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction, always sewing, then pressing before moving to the next strip.

Continue this process with Strip 3 and Strip 4 to complete your first round around the center square.

Important tips while assembling:

- Always maintain a consistent **¼ inch seam allowance**
- Press after every seam (this is crucial for accuracy)
- Keep your strips straight and aligned with the edges

Repeat this process for all three turtle blocks.



Step 3: Build the Block

3A: The Inner Cabin

At this stage, each center square should now be surrounded by its first round of strips, forming a small “log cabin.” The block should still measure approximately **12.7 cm x 12.7 cm (5” x 5”)** after trimming and squaring up if necessary.

Ensure your block is neat and square before continuing.



3B: Expanding Rounds

Now you will continue building outward by adding more rounds of strips.

Each round consists of four strips, added one at a time, continuing the same rotation direction you started earlier. The tutorial suggests alternating fabrics (for example: floral, gingham, floral, gingham) to create a visually interesting pattern.

For each new round:

- Sew one strip to a side
- Press the seam away from the center
- Rotate the block
- Repeat

Continue adding rounds until your block grows to approximately **28.3 cm (about 11”)**.

Take your time here—accuracy in each round ensures your final quilt top will lay flat and look professional.



3C: Finished Block Top

Once all rounds are complete, you will have three finished blocks. Arrange them together into a square layout to form your quilt top.

Now prepare the quilt sandwich:

1. Place the **backing fabric** face down
2. Add the **batting** on top
3. Place your **quilt top** face up

Make sure everything is centered and smooth.

Secure the layers using pins or by basting. This prevents shifting during quilting.

Your full quilt should now measure approximately **38.1 cm x 38.1 cm (15” x 15”)**.

Step 4: Layering & Quilting

With your quilt sandwich ready, it's time to quilt the layers together.

You can choose different quilting methods:

- **Stitch-in-the-ditch** (sewing along seam lines for a subtle look)
- **Free-motion quilting** (for decorative patterns)

Start from the center and work outward to avoid wrinkles or puckering.

Tips for quilting:

- Use a walking foot if available
- Quilt slowly and steadily
- Keep your layers smooth as you sew

Once quilting is complete, trim the edges so all layers are even and square again to **38.1 cm x 38.1 cm**.

Step 5: Binding & Finishing

The final step is binding your quilt to give it a clean, finished edge.

Take your binding strips and sew them together end-to-end to create one long strip. Fold it in half lengthwise and press.

Align the raw edge of the binding with the raw edge of the quilt, and sew it to the **front side** using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam.

When you reach the corners, create **mitered corners**:

- Stop sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ inch before the edge
- Fold the binding up, then back down
- Continue sewing along the next side

Once the binding is attached all around, fold it over to the back side of the quilt.

Finish by:

- Hand-stitching for a clean, invisible look
or
- Machine-stitching for a faster finish

Give your quilt a final press, and you're done!

Final Result

You now have a beautiful **Log Cabin Quilt Block with Cartoon Turtles**, fully assembled, quilted, and bound. This project combines classic quilting techniques with a fun, modern design—perfect for gifts, decor, or practice.

Take pride in your work—every seam and stitch contributed to a finished piece you created from start to finish!