

Quilt as you go- **Log Cabin Pot Holder or Hot Pad** with repurposed stuffing materials

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**Backing-** 12" square- fun fabric you like ( larger for Hot Pads & rectangle shapes)

**Strips-** Logs 1.5" strips of many fabrics, darks & lights- dots, stripes, checks, novelty, historical, 30's, brights etc.

**Center square-** 2" squares-(red is the classic for log cabin blocks)

**Stuffing-** old terry towels, mattress pads, ironing board covers, etc. terry towels make a wonderful solid feeling pot holder or hot pad. Cotton batting can be used to augment for thickness.

**Foundation fabric** layer 12"sq- use up your old lighter in color and weight fabrics- muslin, sheeting etc.

**Binding-** 1.5" -2" strips, (a finished 8.5" square will need a cross cut width,)

**Supplies:** Sewing machine, regular foot or walking foot, strong thread & needle for layers, large hand sewing needle, big strong quilting straight pins, sharpie type marker, Scissors, rotary cutter, square ruler for squaring up, cutting mat,

**Basic instructions:**

Fold fabric squares into quarters to find center, press large sq pieces to get the lines for aligning layers- mark center point & edges with a sharpie dots.

**Layers:** bottom is backing, right side down, next is stuffing layer or layers, next is foundation fabric- line them up as evenly as you can using fold lines to guide you. Hand baste, or pin baste the center, corners, and middle of sides. The layers tend to shift so the better the prep, the better it goes together.

Put the center square right side up on top in the center of the layered pieces. Pin it well.

The logs are sewn around the center square, classic log cabin or courthouse steps with the light and dark strips. Sew through all the layers, back stitch a bit at each end to secure it. Carefully align the strips squaring on the center, and the edges. and pin them well in the middle of the strip to keep stable for sewing. You can cut the lengths of strips as you go. You will get 4 or 5 strips on each size for a pot holder, can do more for a hot pad.

Trim to a nice square, and bind. I like to finish hand stitching down the binding, but a machine stitch is okay, especially if you have a nice small design.

