# <u>Whirligig Garden – Week 3</u>

## Foundation Paper Pieced Log Cabin Block

There's more than one way to build a log cabin. The foundation paper piecing method has several advantages.

- Increased accuracy
- Easy cutting
- Great way to use up scraps
- Create intricate design that are unachievable using traditional methods

### Instructions included for 2 sizes:

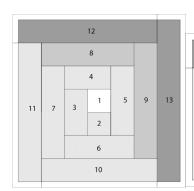
Size A: 28" x 56" 7" finished blocks

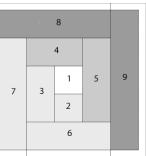
Size B: 20" x 40" 5" finished blocks



#### Fabrics Needed

- Center fabric shown in red
- A variety of dark fabrics shown in dark green (refer to picture)
- A variety of medium fabrics shown in medium green
- A variety of light fabrics shown in light green











### <u>Cutting</u>

• Rough cut one strip from each fabric approximately 1 ¾ inch x WOF. No need to be exact. *Note*: Additional strips may be needed depending upon number of fabrics/use of each fabric within the block.

#### *Preparing to Stitch:*

• Print log cabin templates (either 7" or 5" finished size, depending upon the desired finished quilt size) on Quilters Select Print and Piece or foundation paper of choice. Print one and confirm size before printing all 10 templates needed. Be sure to print ACTUAL SIZE. Outside edge should measure 5 ½" or 7 1/2" depending upon the template needed.

*Pro Tip*: Quilters Select Print & Piece sheets may be run through the printer. The fibers are partially water soluble, eliminating tedious removal. Watch the video tutorial if unfamiliar with Foundation Piecing.

- Make 4 piles:
  - 1. Center fabric strip
  - 2. Dark fabric strips
  - 3. Medium fabric strips
  - 4. Light fabric strips
- Gather:
  - 1. Printed templates
    - TIP: Fold & crease along each interior line on each template. This will make it easier to position fabric strips during block construction.
  - 2. Printed Stitching Guide
  - Fabric scissors
  - 4. Small ruler
  - 5. Pins
  - 6. Rotary cutter and small mat
  - 7. Ironing station
- Machine set up:
  - 1. Attach open toe or all-purpose foot
  - 2. If NOT using Print & Piece, reduce stitch length to 1.4-1.6. The shortened stitch perforates the paper making it easier to remove.



