

Tutorial: Log Cabin Christmas Tree Quilt

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Materials List

- **Fabrics (100% cotton quilting weight):**
 - **Greens:** 3 yards total (various shades for tree realism).
 - **Reds/Golds:** 2 yards each (for ornaments, logs, and binding).
 - **Background:** 4 yards cream/white (for logs and negative space).
 - **Christmas prints:** 1 yard (for appliqués and accents).
 - **Backing:** 7 yards (solid red or green).
 - **Batting:** 90" x 90" (cotton or wool blend).
- **Tools:**
 - Rotary cutter, ruler (6" x 24"), self-healing mat.
 - Freezer paper (for appliqué templates).
 - Invisible thread (for appliqué).
 - Walking foot for sewing machine.



This quilt pattern and its accompanying PDF were created by Nilzinha. Below, she has left a special message for everyone. We hope this PDF inspires you with fresh ideas for your future projects.

Step 1: Cutting (All Measurements in Inches)

- **Log Cabin Strips:**
 - Cut 168 strips: 2.5" x 6.5" (background) + 2.5" x 6.5" (red/gold).
- **Christmas Tree Center Block:**
 - Cut 1 square: 24" x 24" (green fabric for tree base).
- **Appliqués:**
 - Cut circles (1.5" diameter) from red/gold prints (20 total).
 - Cut 1 star (3" wide) from gold fabric.

Step 2: Create the Tree Center Block

1. **Draw Tree Outline:** On the 24" green square, sketch a pine tree with jagged, uneven edges (height: 20").
2. **Appliqué Ornaments:**
 - Pin circles randomly on the tree.

- Stitch with invisible thread using a narrow zigzag stitch.
3. **Add Star:** Appliqué the gold star to the treetop.
 4. **Attach Batting:** Layer tree block + batting + backing square. Baste with safety pins.



🧺 Step 3: Log Cabin Assembly (Quilt-as-You-Go)

- **First "Log" (Directly on Tree Block):**
 - Sew a 2.5" x 6.5" background strip to the right side of the tree block (right sides together). Press open.
 - Add batting + backing under the strip, then quilt along the seam.
- **Build Logs Sequentially:**
 - Rotate block, add next log (red/gold), quilt immediately.
 - Repeat, alternating background and colored strips, growing outward (total 7 rounds per block).
 - *Tip:* Vary fabric shades for depth.



Step 4: Join Blocks & Final Quilting

- **Assemble Top:** Sew 9 completed blocks (3x3 grid) into the queen top (finished size: 84" x 84").
- **Border:** Add 3" red print borders to all sides.
- **All-Over Quilting:** Stitch wavy lines (snow) in the background areas.

Step 5: Binding

- Cut 8 strips (2.5" x WOF), join diagonally.
- Attach to quilt front with walking foot, miter corners.
- Hand-stitch to backing for invisible finish.



"You may find some parts a bit disconnected or unusual, but I kindly ask that you not criticize me; instead, please help me improve. This is the first time I have prepared quilting standards in a PDF format. I anticipated it would be challenging. I am someone who learns best by observing and doing, and I believe that writing to teach is even more demanding—but I am determined to improve." BY NILZINHA

