"Sampler in Solids" Quilt by Gwen Marston Gwen's liberated log cabin design is an intermediate level quilt.







1370 TANGERINE

## Designed By: Gwen Marston

Finished Quilt Size 56" x 64"
Please Read the Pattern Carefully Before You Begin. All Seams are $1 / 4$ " - All strips are cut the width of the fabric. Carefully trim all selvages.

| Yardage | Cutting Directions |
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| $1 / 4$ yd. each of 21 different Kona Solids | From each color cut a variety of strips from $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ to $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide. Do not cut all of the $1 / 4 y d$. piece into strips, save some for cutting $3^{\prime \prime}$ and $4 "$ triangles and additional strips as needed. |
| $1 / 2$ yd. each of Kona Solids Lagoon 139, Red 1308, Black 1019, and Deep Blue 1541 | From each fabric <br> Cut 1 strip 4 " wide. Cut into 10 squares $4 " \mathrm{x} 4$ ". Cut each square once on the diagonal for a total of $20-4$ " triangles. <br> Cut 1 strip 3" wide. Cut into 14 squares $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3$ ". Cut each square once on the diagonal for a total of $28-3 "$ triangles. <br> Cut a variety of strips from $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ to $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide. Do not cut all of the $1 / 2 y d$. piece into strips, save some for cutting additional triangles and strips as needed. |
| $1 / 4$ yd. additional yardage of Kona Solid Pomegranate 1295 for the small bottom border | Cut 2 strips $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide. |
| $1 / 4$ yd. additional yardage of Kona Solid Cerise 1066 for top right corner border | Cut 1 strip $6^{\prime \prime}$ wide. Cut the strip into a $155^{\prime \prime}$ long section and a 27" long section. |
| 1 yd additional yardage of Kona Solid Berry 1016 for outer border | Cut 5 strips $6^{\prime \prime}$ wide. Cut 1 of the $42^{\prime \prime}$ long strips into a $15^{\prime \prime}$ long section and a 27 " long section. |
| $5 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$. additional yardage of Kona Solid Red 1308 for binding | This yardage is for 7 strips cut $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide. If a wider binding is desired more yardage will be needed. |

Learning Gwen's easy methods for doing free-pieced, liberated log cabin blocks opens the door to creating your own original art quilts. This quilt is made with a process, rather than conventional templates.

This quilt consists of nine vertical rows, 6 rows of log cabin blocks and 3 rows of half square triangles.

## Making the blocks:

The blocks don't have to follow any particular structure. Make them intuitively, building them up by adding strips of color adding strips to any of the sides.

1. Notice that many of these blocks begin in the center with a slightly skewed four patch, narrow strips sewn together, or a triangle unit.
2. Add logs in any order around the center square. Use scraps from other projects, or free-cut logs in a variety of widths. Be inconsistent! A log may be uneven in width or constructed of more than one fabric. Logs on one side can be built up more than the other sides. Remember: variety is the spice of life and the goal here! Allow diversity.
3. To create interesting angles, simply add a straight piece, press and re-cut it as shown in Figure 1. Sew another piece to the angle as shown in Figure 2. Press and straighten the edge of the block as shown. Figure 3. Make each block somewhat larger than needed. Press the blocks flat and press them from the front first, and then flip them over to make sure all of the seams are pressed toward the outer edges of the block.
4. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, square up the blocks to measure the same width as the row in which it will be placed so they can be sewn together into an even row. Remember, if a block is too small, add another strip and if it is too large, cut it down. After piecing a row, measure and cut the row to measure $511 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ long. Sew Rows together to form the body of the quilt. Figure 4. Half square triangles units are used in some of the log cabin rows. Use photo for inspiration.

## Borders

1. Sew a $6^{\prime \prime} \times 15^{\prime \prime}$ Cerise strip end-to-end with a $42^{\prime \prime}$ long Berry strip. Cut the strip to measure $511 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ long. Sew to the left side of the quilt.
2. Sew a $6^{\prime \prime} \times 15$ " Berry strip end-to-end with a 42 " long Berry
 strip. Sew to the right side of the quilt.
3. Sew a 27 " long strip of Cerise end-to-end with a $42^{\prime \prime}$ long strip of Berry. Cut to measure $561 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ long. Cut so there is almost an equal amount of Cerise and Berry. Refer to photo. Sew to the top of the quilt.
4. Sew 2 Pomegranate $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 42^{\prime \prime}$ strips together end-to-end and cut to measure $641 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ long. Sew to the bottom of the quilt.
5. Sew a 27 " long strip of Berry end-to-end with a 42 " long strip of Berry. Cut to measure $641 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ and sew to the bottom of the quilt.

Fig. 1


Fig. 2

fig. 3


Fig. 4


