

Virtual Retreat Exchange Block Info

The first block is a log cabin that will finish at **12"** when it is sewn into a quilt. It will have 2 strips on each side of the 4" center square finished (cut center square at 4.5"), which will be red for a hearth or yellow/light gold for a window. Half of the logs will be very light – solid, batik or print – think snow. The remainder will be medium or dark, cool, wintery colors – blues, greens, purples. Again, these may be solids, prints or batiks. A snowflake print would be lovely, but any print will do. The logs will use 2.5" strips, so if you have some jelly roll strays, you can reduce your cutting. This version of the block can be found on the AQS web site: <http://www.aqsblog.com/log-cabin-block-variations> The block we will use is the first one shown.

The second block will be a house. A traditional pattern can be found at <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/house-block-free-patchwork-quilt-block-pattern/> . You are, however, welcome to use your own pattern for a pieced, applique, or embroidered house, as long as it finishes at **9"** when it is sewn into a quilt. You might consider a birdhouse, dog house or trailer home, too. The block may have embellishments, as long as these don't interfere with joining the block to others or with quilting – or are easily removeable for piecing and quilting. Perhaps an embroidered bird, a snowman button, or a small 3D flower? Feel free to be creative.

Mail your completed blocks to Mona Stevenson (address in directory) by Monday March 8. Have fun!