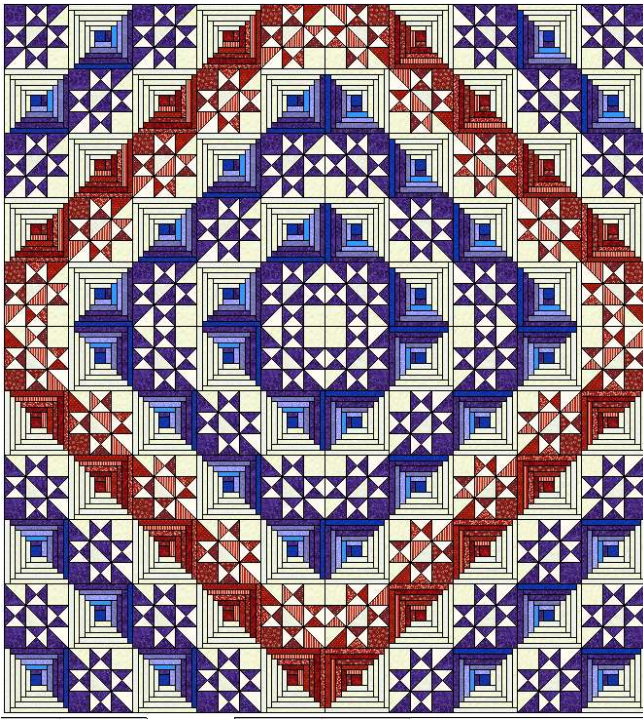


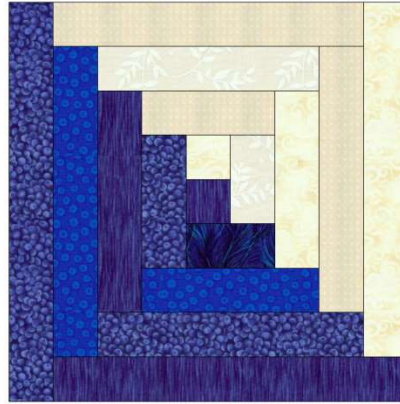
Happily Ever After

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I've been buying up long sleeved shirts in reds, whites and blues (only stripes and plaids) for a while now, and this is the first in a series of quilts made using this 'fabric'. The quilt is made with two different blocks, some in reds, some in blues. This queen-sized quilt is going on the bed of my new travel trailer, hence the name.

Each block is 9" finished, and the quilt is 90" x 99".



The log cabin block is made with 1.5" wide strips. As I cut up the shirts for other blocks, the strips are cut from the scraps and sorted by size:
Lights: 1.5", 2.5", 3.5", 4.5", 5.5", 6.5", 7.5", 8.5".
Darks: 1.5", 2.5", 3.5", 4.5", 5.5", 6.5", 7.5", 8.5" and 9.5"



The Split Star block can be broken down into a 9-patch, where each patch is either a plain square, a Half-Square triangle (HST) or a Quarter Square Triangle (QST).

I used the Triangulations product (from Bear Paw Productions) because sewing triangles on paper allowed perfect points and stabilized the bias edges perfectly. The process is just like "Thangles" or "Triangles on a Roll" except you print the sized papers that you need, as many as you need. With the other two products, you have to know ahead of time what size and how many to buy. When I'm starting a new project on Sunday night, I want access to the papers at that moment! LOL. You can get a ream of newsprint paper that tears easily. Amazon.

Included in Triangulations are files that contain pages, one for each sized HST or QST. Print out the page you need and trim down the margins. (for this quilt, you are looking for HST and QST that finish to 3")

Cut your light and dark fabrics slightly larger all around than the printed rectangle. Stack the dark fabric first, then light fabric, right sides together, then the paper, print side up. Pin to keep the stack together. Set your stitch length to 1.8. Follow the arrows to sew on the dotted lines through all 3 layers. Carefully cut the outside solid line on all four sides, then very carefully cut apart on all the inner solid lines. Use snips over a trash can to cut off all the dog-ears. Before tearing off the paper, press the pieces open. The paper will help the bias edges behave under the iron. Now you can tear off the paper. You will need to sew two QST halves to make one whole 3.5" unfinished block.

There are 18 red Log Cabins, 20 red Stars, 36 blue Log Cabins and 36 blue Star blocks.