# NON-SLIP 6" Curvy Log Cabin Trim Tool



Create the illusion of curves with this 6" version of our popular Curvy Log Cabin Trim Tool. Sew four blocks together to "piece" a circle which finishes to 12". Combine these blocks with other 6" blocks for unlimited design possibilities.

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## NON-SLIP Curvy Log Cabin Instructions Block size: 6" finished

## **Getting Started**

**Center squares: Cut a precise 1½" square. Tip:** The centering square marked for the seam guide square has a ¼" dashed line marked in white at one corner of the ruler with punched holes. These help to mark the seam allowance intersections to align the seam allowance perfectly. Position the cut 1½" fabric center square under this square (**wrong side up**) and mark the seam allowance corners using the holes at each corner of the square. This will help in precisely sewing the first round of wide and narrow strips around the center square.

## Narrow strips: Cut strips at least 1¼" wide Wide strips: Cut strips at least 1¾" wide

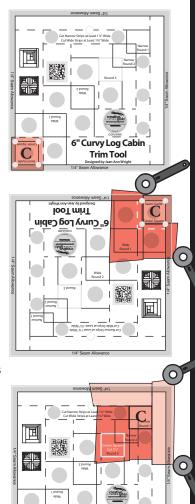
**Tip:** Sew the two wide strips in place first then use the dashed line marked in white at the upper corner of the trim tool to trim the ends of the wide strips even with the center square so the narrow strips will align evenly when attached.

#### Sewing and Trimming Sequence

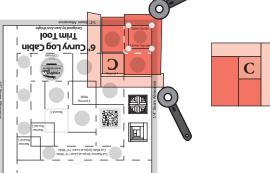
**Note:** The blocks are constructed by adding each new strip in a clockwise direction around the center square. Sew the first row around the center square with a full ¼" seam allowance. Sew seams when adding rounds #2 and #3 with a scant ¼" seam allowance. As you add each strip, press the seam allowances towards the outside.

#### **Trimming Round 1**

After adding two wide strips to the center square and two narrow strips to the center square, position the Curvy Log Cabin Trim Tool with the narrow strips in the upper right corner. Position the Narrow Round 1 Centering Square over the center square of the block and trim up the right side and across the top. Important tip: Be sure to line up the dotted lines on the ruler with the seam lines.



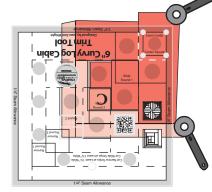
urvy Log Cabiı Trim Tool Turn the block **and** the ruler 180° (a half turn) and trim the wide strips in the same manner using the centering square labeled Wide Round 1.



#### **Trimming Round 2**

After adding an additional round of wide and narrow strips, position the Curvy Log Cabin Trim Tool with the narrow strips in the upper right corner. Position the Narrow Round 2 Centering Square over the center square of the block and trim up the right side and across the top. *Important tip: Be sure to line up the dotted lines on the ruler with the seam lines.* 

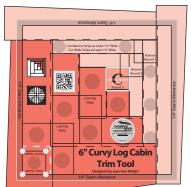
Turn the block **and** the ruler 180° (a half turn) and trim the wide strips in the same manner using the centering square labeled Wide Round 2.

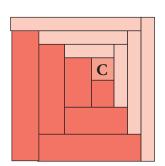




#### **Trimming Round 3**

After adding the final round of wide and narrow strips, position the Curvy Log Cabin Trim Tool with the narrow strips in the upper right corner. Position the labeled Center Square on the trim tool over the center square of the block and trim all four sides starting with the two narrow strips and then the two wide strips, turning both block and ruler together to keep the block aligned for the final trim.





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#### Pressing

It is important to press all seams as you sew. Always press with both seam allowances towards the outside edge of the block. You can finger press the seams as you add the strips in each round, but it is important to press the seams with an iron as you finish each round before you start trimming.

## Block Options

**Courthouse Steps Blocks** The Curvy Log Cabin Trim Tool can also be used to make modern Courthouse Steps blocks with one side and the top of the block sewn with narrow strips and the opposite side and bottom of the block sewn with wide strips.

