This month, we are making $121 / 2$ " blocks for charity quilts. Whether you can make it to the Sew-In on April 20th, or not, please make one or more blocks to contribute.

It is a great way to play with colour combinations. It is a great way to use up some left over solid strips.

Rules of the game: - use plain, solid coloured fabrics

- colours to choose from: anything.
- audition your colours
- pick ones that 'sing' together
- work fast, use a ruler, or be brave and 'free-cut'!
- use $1 / 4$ " seams
- press often
- stop when you get to $121 / 2$ "

1. Begin with a 4 " block of colour. Add a border on all four sides of a different colour.
2. This is a variation of a 'log cabin'. Continue all around, adding strips. They do not need to be the same. See sample - I started out with pink around green on all four sides, then blue. Next, I did something different. Now the green is not in the centre.
3. Use varying widths of strips. Contrasting widths can be interesting.
4. Note: if adding white, make sure the colour on the seam allowance does not show through.
5. Press. Check your size.
6. Add a final border. It is best to make this one at least 1 " wide so that the finished blocks will connect nicely. Press, again.
7. Finish and trim at $121 / 2$ ".


Inspiration Picture:
Here is an example of what a quilt could look like.

Gees Bend - The Architecture of the Quilt Gearldine Westbrook
"Housetop" variation 1982
Corduroy and cotton 94x78"

