Curved Log Cabin

By varying the width of the logs on a standard log cabin block, you can achieve a curved look. This simple variation will have logs that are 1 inch finished and 2 inches finished. Put the blocks together in various ways to create a quilt with wonderful sweeping curves.

![Diagram of curved log cabin block]

Colour the block on the right with the colours of your choice. Note that the sampler block has two different colourings - see the bottom for the diagrams.

For the BOM, let's do something dramatic - use the provided black for the dark, and a predominantly black print for the wide strips (the dots), and a white with black print for the bricks. The winner will have sweeping black circles on a white background.

Cutting:

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Construction:

When I make log cabin blocks, I do not cut the logs individually. This helps me to keep the block square. After adding each log, press the seam toward the centre, place the ruler line on the last line sewn, and trim perpendicular to that line.

![Diagram of log cabin construction]

Keep adding logs clockwise until the last two logs. Note that there are two more narrow logs than wide logs.
If you are making the sampler, you will need to make two of each of the following two blocks. Colour the blocks on the right in your own colours to help you with your colour placement.

These are basic building blocks. Alone or in combination with other log cabins, you can make some beautiful quilts like those below:

You can put waves of colour into a quilt, or simple swirls…. Or even Seahorses