

**SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILD  
JUNE 2012 BLOCK OF THE MONTH  
Due July 5, 2012**

**LOG CABIN GREEK KEY PATTERN**

**Block size: 9 ½ inch unfinished**

**Colors: black and white**

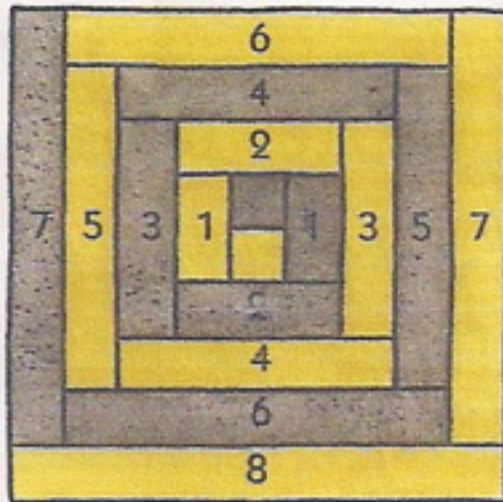


**Although this is known as the Greek Key design, this spiral motif can be found in ancient artifacts of Central and South America, China and Japan. It is also a familiar pattern in Celtic art. The method of construction is similar to Courthouse Steps, but the effect is very different. Just two contrasting fabrics are needed and the block can be stitched together as a border, or used for larger projects with the pattern repeated, mirrored, or rotated.**

**Directions:**

- 1. Cut two sets of 1 ½ inch strips in contrasting black and white tones, and two 1-1/2 inch central squares in the same contrasting tones. It is easier and more accurate to cut the strips in long lengths and trim them as required after stitching.**
- 2. Stitch the two contrasting squares together, with right sides facing. Trim off the excess and press the seam away from the center.**
- 3. With the dark square at the top and the right sides together, stitch a dark-colored strip across the right-hand side and a light-colored strip across the left-hand, opposite, side. Trim and press as before.**
- 4. Please refer to attached diagram.**

**Hint: Use the scant quarter-inch technique**



*Piecing diagram, showing how to assemble the Greek Key pattern to form a square*