



Where and when the **Log Cabin quilt pattern** first appeared in America is unknown. The pattern is a universal design construct that is found in ancient Roman tilework, Egyptian animal mummy wrappings, and seventeenth-century perfume bags, so it is not surprising to find that quiltmakers eventually adapted it to their own medium as well.

As early as 1863, Log Cabin quilts received commendations at the Ohio State Fair. Other fairs in the 1870s and 80s added premiums specifically for Log Cabin quilts, indicating that their popularity was increasing.

“Design Dynamics: Log Cabin Quilts from the Jonathan Holstein Collection” presents a stunning group of quilts that represent the variety found in this most popular of late-nineteenth century patterns. All quilts were drawn from the recently-acquired Jonathan Holstein Collection, one of the most well-known quilt collections in the U.S. The IQSC is pleased to be able to share these quilts with other museums and galleries.

# Design Dynamics

## Log Cabin Quilts from the Jonathan Holstein Collection

An exhibition created by the **INTERNATIONAL QUILT STUDY CENTER & MUSEUM**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln



*Log Cabin (Chevron variation)*, unknown maker, probably made in Pennsylvania, circa 1870  
International Quilt Study Center, 2003.003.0184

### Exhibition Specs

**Number of works:** 16 quilts with accompanying label text. Total running feet (w/ 24” between quilts): 125

**Exhibition period:** 12 weeks

**Participation costs:** \$8,500 exhibition fee, plus insurance. Exhibition fee includes domestic shipping.

**Display requirements:** One 1”x 2” polyurethane-coated wood slat for hanging each quilt; on-site security; controlled temperature & humidity; appropriate lighting levels for textiles (50-60 lux). The

IQSC reserves the right to have a representative present during installation and de-installation.

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## Selections from the Exhibition

### 1 Log Cabin

Circa 1870 - 1890

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States ,  
Maryland , Hagerstown

87 x 79.5 1997.007.0825



### 7 Log Cabin

Circa 1880

Maker unknown

Probably made in : United States ,  
Pennsylvania

78.5 x 69 2003.003.0224



### 2 Log Cabin

Circa 1860

Maker unknown

Probably made in : United States ,  
Pennsylvania

85.5 x 76 2003.003.0149



### 8 Log Cabin

Circa 1875

Maker unknown

Probably made in : United States ,  
Pennsylvania

47 x 41.5 2003.003.0227



### 3 Log Cabin

Circa 1885

Maker unknown

Probably made in : United States ,  
Pennsylvania

90.5 x 89.5 2003.003.0175



### 9 Log Cabin

Circa 1900

Maker unknown

Probably made in : United States ,  
Pennsylvania

84 x 82.5 2003.003.0237



### 4 Log Cabin

Circa 1870

Maker unknown

Probably made in : United States ,  
Pennsylvania

83 x 83 2003.003.0184



### 10 Log Cabin

Circa 1880

Maker unknown

Made in : United States

85.5 x 86 2003.003.0242



### 5 Log Cabin

Dated 1871

Groff, Mary

Probably made in : United States ,  
Pennsylvania

85 x 82.5 2003.003.0211



### 11 Log Cabin

Circa 1875

Maker unknown

Possibly made in : United States ,  
New Jersey

86 x 75 2003.003.0254



### 6 Log Cabin

Circa 1880

Maker unknown

Probably made in : United States ,  
Pennsylvania

71.5 x 64 2003.003.0217



### 12 Log Cabin

Circa 1890

Maker unknown

Made in : United States

72 x 72 2003.003.0313

