

Log Cabins in Kansas

Log cabins were one type of housing built by early Kansas settlers. Cabins were more common in eastern Kansas where trees were readily available. Since the west had limited access to lumber, settlers in that region built homes out of other materials such as sod.



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As sawn lumber became more available across Kansas, log cabins were eventually replaced with frame structures. Some log cabins are still standing today, representing our state's rich history.

Settlers cut trees into logs and then stacked the logs to build a cabin. Most log cabins consisted of just one room. Some cabins had multiple levels.



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Log Cabin

Supplies:

- paper plate
- glue
- brown paper
- pencil
- scissors
- ruler



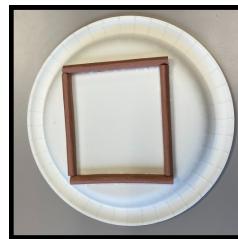
- 1) Cut paper into 4" wide strips. Cut the strips into 2 1/2"- long pieces. You will need 16 pieces.



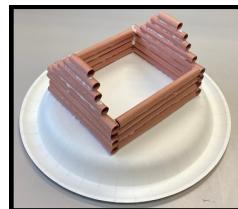
- 2) Create logs using the pieces of paper from Step 1. Roll the paper around a pencil and glue the end down. Repeat this process until you have 16 logs.



- 3) Arrange the logs on a paper plate, alternating the logs at the corners. Glue them down. Continue to stack and glue the remaining logs in place. Your cabin should be 4 logs high.



- 4) Create smaller logs for the roof. Make 4 pairs of logs with the following measurements: 3" x 2 1/2"; 2 1/4" x 2 1/2"; 1 3/4" x 2 1/2"; 1 1/4" x 2 1/2". Glue the logs on opposite ends of the cabin.



- 5) Fold paper in half and trim to fit your cabin. Glue it atop the logs. For additional details, cut out a small door and windows and glue to the sides of the cabin.

