

# RAFFLE BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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★ For QUILTS OF VALOR ★

BLOCK- Rail Fence Signature

BLOCK PICTURE-

SIZE (finished)- 6" (6 ½" unfinished)

FABRIC CHOICE- red, white & blue



(prints, solids; \*\*White strips will be for message or signature so should not be too "busy" a print)

\*\* if you are using precut jelly roll strips please note that most of them measure width to the points of the pinked edge. If you sew from the inside of the points your strips will not finish to 6 ½".

## CUTTING- for 1 block

1. Cut one  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " strip from each color (3 strips; one each red, white and blue)
2. Cut one 2" x 6" piece of freezer paper( no freezer paper? We can add the paper- make blocks!)

## SEWING-

1. Sew right sides together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and 2mm(12 stitches to an inch) stitch length with the white strip in the middle
2. Press towards the colored strips; block should measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ "
3. Press the shiny side of the freezer paper onto the wrong side of the white fabric strip. The paper will stabilize the fabric for writing a message or name.

 LET'S MAKE 6 AT A TIME!

## Cutting-

1. Cut the 3 strips  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF (WOF= width of fabric from selvedge edge to selvedge edge across the grain)

2. Cut 6 pieces of freezer paper 2" x 6"

### SEWING-

3. Sew right sides together the same as for one block just being careful to keep the long edges lined up as you sew
4. Press towards the colored strips; strip set should be 6 1/2" wide x WOF

### CUTTING into BLOCKS-

1. Lay pressed strips on the cutting mat right side up; line up ruler on one of the seam lines and cut off the selvedge and straighten one end
2. Cut the strip into 6 1/2" wide blocks

Freezer Paper- press shiny side of paper onto the wrong side of the white strip of each block

All blocks will go to our QUILTS OF VALOR "team" to raise funds for QOV supplies at our QUILT SHOW.

How many blocks can CVQG make???

