

September 2019 BOM

September – please use fall colors if you are submitting a block for the raffle.

Basic Block -Rail Fence

Choose 3 fabrics – light, medium, and dark.

Cut one 2 ½” width of fabric strip of each color (approx. 2 ½ x 40”) If you are using a fat quarter cut two 2 ½ x 20” strips of each color.

Sew the light to the medium to create a strip 4 ½” x 40”. Press to set the seam then press toward the medium.

Sew the dark to the medium to create a strip of all three fabrics 6 ½ x 40”. Press to set the seam then press toward the dark.

CUT off the selvages to square up the end. I like to line one of the lines on the ruler with one of the seams. Now cut the length into squares to form 6 ½” squares. You should be able to get 6 squares.

PIECE four of the blocks as shown in the diagram. Note the light is on the top or to the left. The resulting square should be 12 ½ “ (12 inches finished). Note the lights form a Z shape

PRESS the seams from the back first. Try rotating to snug the seam together as shown. Congratulations! You have produced your September Block of the Month. You can use the remaining two 6 ½” blocks for fillers for your sample quilt or donate them to the raffle.

CUT



PIECE



PRESS

Challenge Block –Modified Rail Fence

This variation of the Rail Fence is a great way to use smaller pieces of fabric

For each block choose 6 $2\frac{1}{2}$ X $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares from different fabrics and 1 $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $6\frac{1}{2}$ rectangle (The rectangle will be common to all blocks see picture below).

Using the $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares sew 3 squares together – make two

Press to set the seam then press seams in one direction.

Sew these two strips together. Attach the rectangle (see photo below)

Make 4 blocks.

Piece together the four blocks as shown in the picture below. The resulting square should be $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (12 inches finished). Note the rectangles form the Z shape of the rail fence block.

PRESS the seams from the back first.

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ASSEMBLED



PIECE

