

Rail Fence

For a 50"x60" quilt make 30 blocks @ 10 1/2" unfinished, 10" finished

Choose four fabrics, 1dark, 2 medium and 1 light. (makes a great scrap quilt) one yard piece of each color.

Cut 30 strips 3" wide by 10 1/2" long for each fabric (or 8 strips 3" wide x width of fabric)

Assemble

Sew the strips in order: dark, medium 1, medium 2, light.

Press toward the dark,

OR sew the fabric in width of fabric lengths, press toward the dark and cut each assembled strip into 10 1/2" squares. Align by using the seam along your mark on ruler.

Piece 6 rows of 5 per row alternating vertical and horizontal blocks. That's 30 blocks.

Keep the dark strip toward the left for vertical blocks and toward the top for horizontal blocks.

Variation: You may choose to use 2 1/2" strips

FOUR COLORS: Cut 56 strips 2 1/2" wide by 8 1/2" (from one yard each) for a 56"x 64" top 7x8 blocks

FIVE COLORS: Cut 30 strips 2 1/2" wide by 10 1/2" (from 20" piece of fabric) for a 50" x 60" top 5x6 blocks

Lattice Block variation

For a 57x 66.5 quilt make 42 blocks @ 10" unfinished, 9 1/2" finished

Focus Fabric (makes a great scrap quilt)

Cut 42 pieces 6" x 10" (out of 11 strips 6" wide x width of fabric) from a two yard piece

Sashing

Cut 84 strips 2 1/2" wide (out of 22 strips 2 1/2" wide x width of fabric) from 60" piece

If you are going for a woven look cut two different colors, 42 pieces each. Use one color for the horizontal blocks and the other for the vertical blocks. From 2 one yard pieces.

Assemble

Sew sashing strips on either side of focus fabric.

Press toward the dark,

If you sewed the fabric in width of fabric lengths, now is the time to cut each assembled strip into 10" squares. Align by using the seam along your mark on ruler.

Piece 7 rows of 6 per row alternating vertical and horizontal blocks.

Assemble the top. See Photo.