

Rail Fence

Taken from a photo of a quilt designed by Kathreen Ricketson in the book *Quilting with a Modern Slant*. These directions written by Michelle Boyd for the charity project at the BAMQG annual retreat in June 2015.



Each 12-inch block has two rectangles of the background fabric and one of the focus fabric. The resulting quilt will be 5x7 blocks with sashing between vertical strips of blocks. The quilt will be 68X84 inches.

Fabric requirements:

Focus fabrics: assorted pieces at least 12.5X4.5 for 35 pieces. 7 fat quarters or 9 WOF 4.5-inch strips minimum. The more fabrics the better, no more than 2-3 rectangles per fabric. To do this you will need 15 fat quarters.

Background: 3.25 yards.

Sashing .75 yards.

Cutting:

Sashing:

Cut 9 WOF strips 2.5 inches wide. Save for final quilt assembly.

background (70 pieces):

Fold the background fabric lengthwise into thirds.

Cut 3 WOF 4.5-inch strips. Cut the strips into 3 12.5x4.5 inch rectangles.

Continue making rectangles until you have 70 pieces.

Focus fabrics (35 pieces):

Cut rectangles 12.5X4.5 inches out of various fabrics. The more fabrics the better, no more than 2-3 rectangles per fabric.

Piecing:

Each block has one focus fabric strip sewed between two background fabric strips.

Quilt Assembly:

Sew the blocks into columns of seven blocks each, alternating the orientation so that one block is horizontal and the next one is vertical. The columns themselves should start with blocks in alternating orientations. If the first column starts with a horizontal block, then the second column should start with a vertical block.

Construct the sashing so you have four strips at least 84.5 inches long. Sew the sashing to four of the columns. Sew the top together, making sure that the seams in the block columns line up across the sashing.