



How To Quilt[™]

a start-to-finish video course

RAIL FENCE QUILT BLOCK

The Rail Fence quilt block is another classic design that uses strips of fabric in repeat to create a design that's simple but has visual impact. This traditional block is meant to resemble split-rail fences found along grazing and farmland in the American West. The same UNIT is made and arranged in a variety of ways to create nearly endless quilt layouts from one basic construction step.

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FABRIC REQUIREMENTS & CUTTING LIST

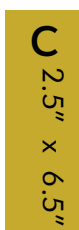
all measurements are given width first, then height so that images on fabrics with an "up" remain oriented in the same direction in the final block—if your fabric has NO direction to it, all cuts are identical



cut 2 of each at 2.5" x 6.5"
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY

all seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise indicated



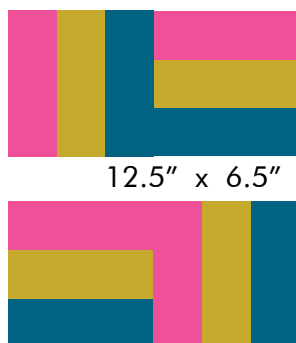
6.5" x 6.5"

Begin with one cut of each of the three selected fabrics, as shown at left. Working with right sides together, stitch along one long edge to join Fabric D to Fabric C. Press seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Next, place the pair right sides together with Fabric G and repeat. **MAKE TWO.**

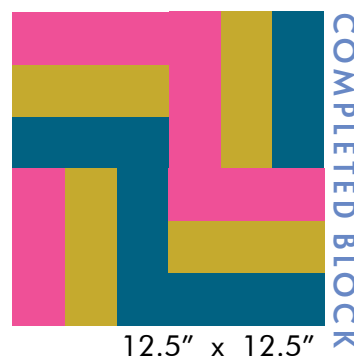
Repeat with the cuts of fabric measuring 6.5" x 2.5" until there are **FOUR** total units.

TIP

*This particular design requires careful attention to **HOW THE UNITS ARE TURNED** in relation to one another, to prevent creating an accidental swastika shape. Use the layout shown here for best results!*



12.5" x 6.5"



12.5" x 12.5"

COMPLETED BLOCK

Arrange the four finished units as shown in the image at left. Stitch the top row first, working from left to right. Press seam allowances to the darkest fabric. Then, stitch the bottom row, pressing seam allowances in the **OPPOSITE** direction. Assemble the final block by **NESTING** the pressed seam allowances and pinning in place before sewing the last seam to connect the top and bottom rows. Press this last seam allowance to one side. Set block aside until quilt assembly.