

A Nod to Mod

92" x 104"

To make the quilt pictured:



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You need:

- Approximately 5 1/2 yards of gray yardage
- Various scrap solid colored blocks in 1.5", 2", 2.5" and 3.5" squares. I used strips in these solid colors and cut block segments after sewing two or more strips together. See below under "Construct blocks".
- 1/2-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding.

Cut:

From gray:

- 4 – 12.5"x12.5" squares.
- 104 – 3.5"x12.5" rectangles
- Border will be discussed later including improv corner blocks

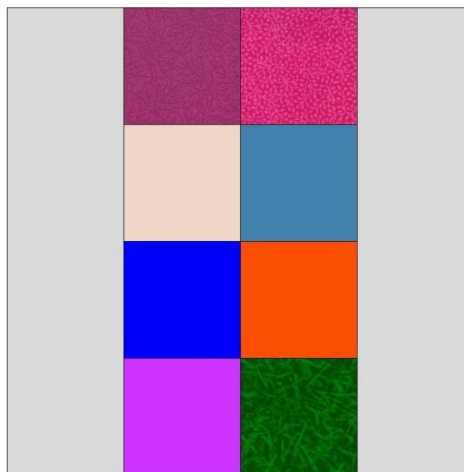
From various colored solid fabrics:

- Enough strips of the widths listed above to strip piece and get the blocks needed. Keep reading.

Construct blocks:

This quilt is made up of 4 blocks. They are variations of a basic rail fence block. They finish at 12.5"x12.5" and they look like this before sewn into the top:

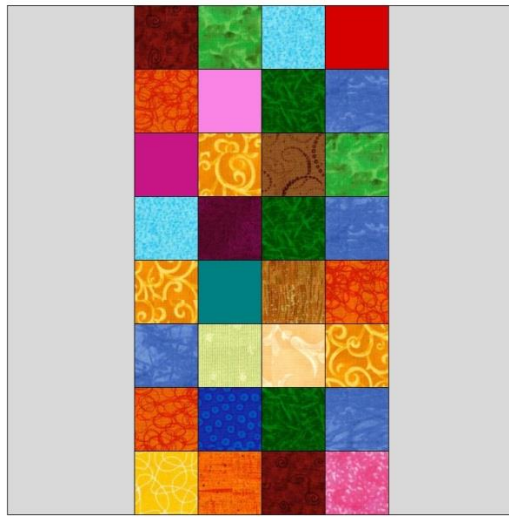
A. Block 1 – using 3.5" squares in the middle:



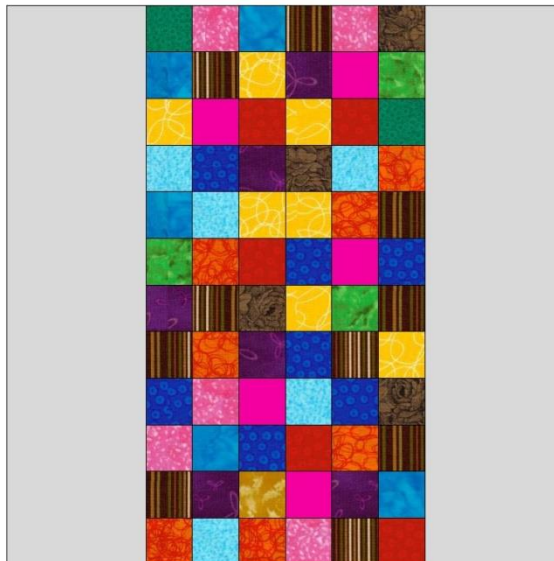
B. Block 2 – using 2.5" squares in the middle:



C. Block 3 – using 2" squares in the middle:



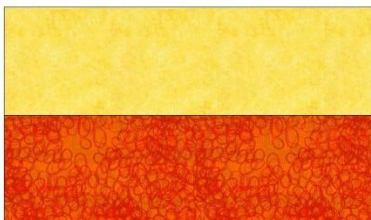
D. Block 4 – using 1.5” squares in the middle



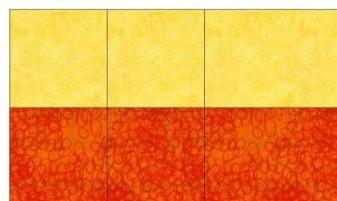
Make 13 of each variation.

How to make each block:

Block 1: Take 2 strips cut 3.5”x WOF (width of fabric) or shorter (preferably shorter for more variety) and sew to another solid color 3.5”xWOF or shorter strip. Press seams one way. Cut off 3.5” segments.

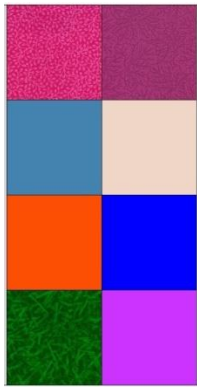


then cut into 3.5” segments

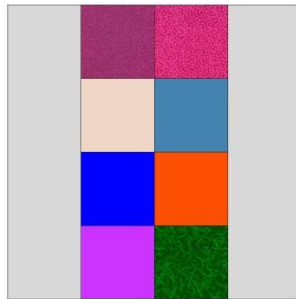


Do this multiple times until you have a variety of different color combinations. You will need a total of 52 of these 2 patch segments.

Take 4 of these 2 patches and sew together like this: It should be 6.5"x12.5"



Then sew a 3.5"x12.5" strip of gray to each side. It now should look like this:

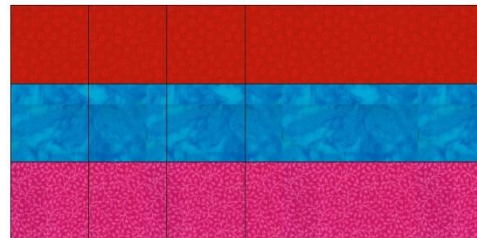


Make 13.

Block 2: Take 3 strips cut 2.5"x WOF (width of fabric) or shorter (preferably shorter for more variety) and sew to each other (see diagram below). Take turns sewing from either end to help minimize bowing of the seams. Press seams one way. Cut off 2.5" segments. Make 78 segments.



then cut off 2.5" segments:



Sew 6 of these segments together like this, varying colorways: This piece should now measure 6.5"x12.5".

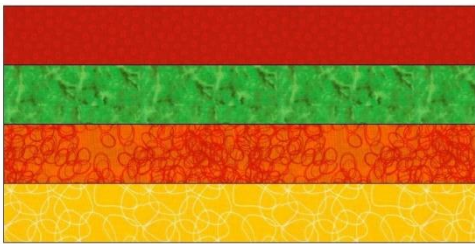


Then sew a 3.5"x12.5" strip of gray to each side. It now should look like this:

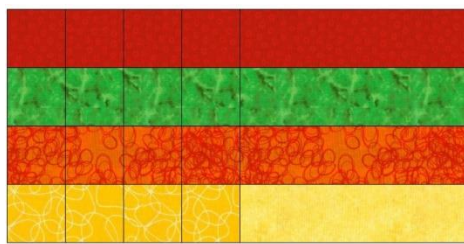


Make 13.

Block 3: Take 4 strips cut 2"x WOF (width of fabric) or shorter (preferably shorter for more variety) and sew to each other as in diagram below. Take turns sewing from either end to help minimize bowing of the seams. Press seams one way. Cut off 2" segments.



then cut



Make 104 segments.

Sew 8 of these segments together like this, varying colorways: It should measure 6.5"x12.5".



Then sew a 3.5"x12.5" strip of gray to each side. It now should look like this:



Make 13.

Block 4: Take 6 strips cut 1.5"x WOF (width of fabric) or shorter (preferably shorter for more variety) sewing together. Take turns sewing from either end to help minimize bowing of the seams. Press seams one way. Cut off 1.5" segments. Make 156 segments.



then cut



Sew 12 of these segments together like this, varying colorways: It should measure 6.5"x12.5".



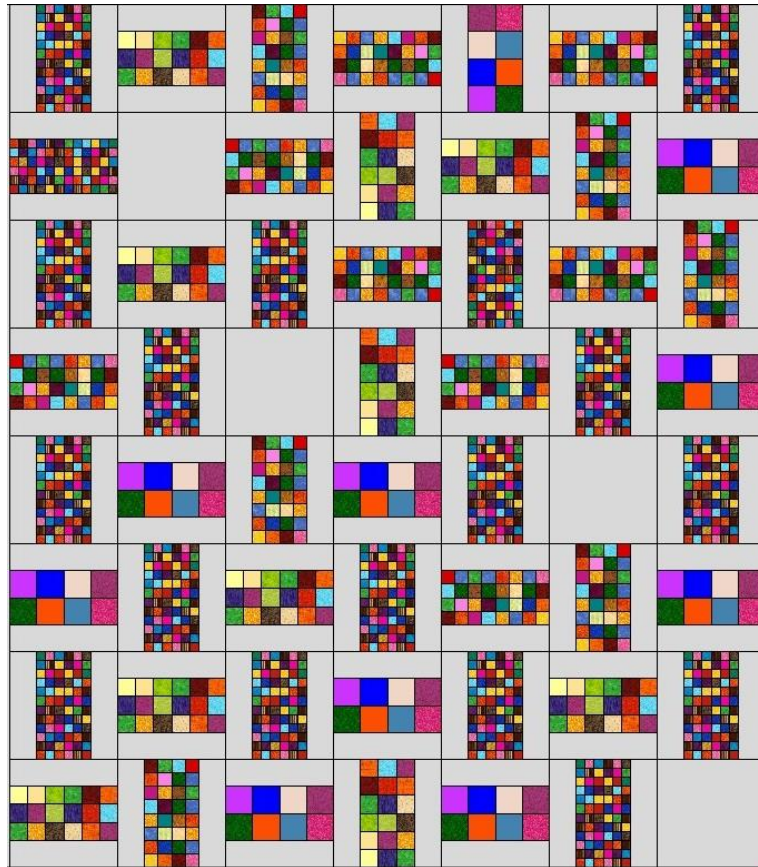
Then sew a 3.5"x12.5" strip of gray to each side. It now should look like this:



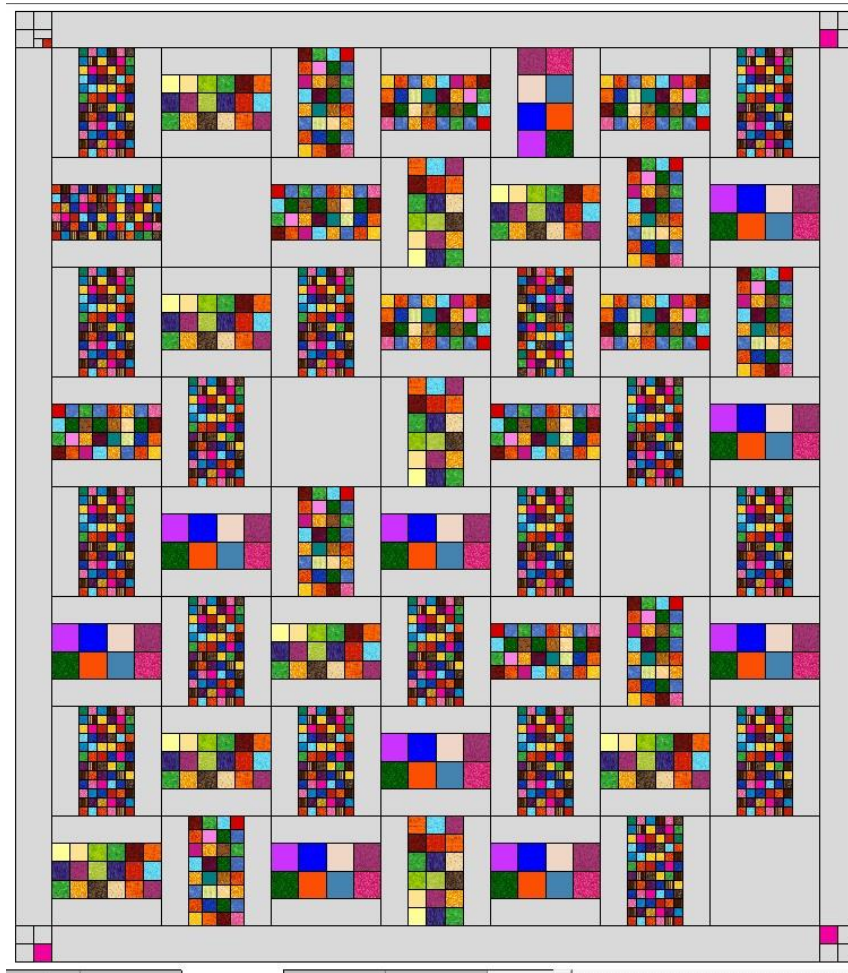
Make 13.

How to make this quilt:

1. **Construct your blocks.**
2. **Place blocks as in this diagram** by putting every other block at a 90 degree angle to the one beside it. Using this diagram put your blocks as indicated. I put in 4 blank blocks just for fun. You may change location of these blank blocks. I chose the layout of the blocks so they were pleasing to me as to which one went where.



3. **Sew the blocks together** as per the layout.



4. **Border:**

- Cut 2 gray strips 4.5"x 96.5"
- Cut 2 gray strips 4.5"x 84.5".
- Using improvisational piecing, put together four 4.5"x 4.5" corner blocks with one of your leftover colorful squares and gray strips – placing the block wherever you want it and sewing it whatever direction you prefer. I placed mine like this: (See also above in bigger picture.)
Sew the longer strips to the two sides.



Attach the corner blocks to each end of the shorter strips. Sew to top and bottom of quilt.

5. **Press well.**
6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
7. **Quilt** as desired. I did straight line quilting pretty close – I describe it as “unevenly spaced, not quite straight” lines.



Or



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8. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

It's that easy!!!

Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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Note: I know that "modern" quilts more often than not do not use borders. However, I prefer the look of this pattern with a border. Leaving it off would probably make it even more modern looking (rail fence) around.