

# Basket Weave

Top finishes at 89"x 103"

To make the quilt pictured: (top only so far, will update picture when I get it quilted)



After quilting and washing, my quilt measures about 87"x99".

## You need:

- About 7 ½ - 8 yards of various colorful fabrics – make sure they are saturated in color without a lot of white splotches or designs in them so that the overall effect is one of a strong color

- 5 1/2 yards of lights
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. (I used black 2.5” strips.)

**Note:** This quilt consists of 1 block. It is a 7-rail, rail fence block and will finish as a block at 11”x11”. It looks like this:



### **Cut:**

For each rail fence block you need 4 colorful strips and 3 light strips, cut 2”x11”

### **In the interest of a clear conscience,**

For the quilt pictured above, I used 72 complete block for the center of the quilt.

For the side setting blocks and corner blocks I cut a complete block in half (for the side setting ones) and in 4ths for the corner triangles. This is “cheating”. But it worked for me for me for this quilt: Do not DO this if this is a quilt you wish to enter into a competition or if you are a perfectionist. This will result in your setting triangle blocks being a tad bit “small”. But everything is on the bias, and I made it work. Cut 6 side setting blocks going each direction as indicated:



And for the corner blocks, I took one block and cut it this way:



### **Construct blocks:**

You will need between 85 and 99 blocks, depending on how you do the side setting triangles.

For 85 blocks, use 340 colorful strips and 255 light strips.

For 96 blocks, you need 384 colorful strips and 288 light strips.

### **How to make this quilt:**

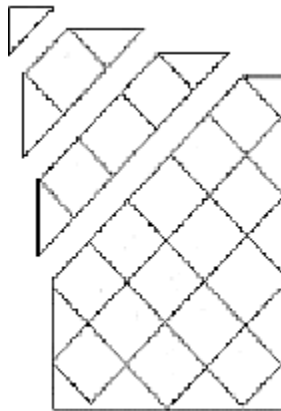
1. **Construct your blocks as shown** Sew each strip to the one above until your block is complete: Make 86 minimum for this quilt.



2. **Lay out completed blocks according to this diagram:**



3. **Sew together in rows.** Make sure you alternate directions of the rails for the basket weave effect. Use this diagram to show you how to sew together “on point” in rows:



If you want to make more blocks, and later trim, then you will need an extra 11 blocks for the side setting triangles and 3 more for the corners. They will stick out and then you will need to later trim them off straight. (I showed how I did this in my pattern for “Sheet of Stamps”.)

Here is a good article about setting triangles and putting blocks on point.

[http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content\\_downloads/Setting\\_Blocks\\_On\\_Point.pdf](http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content_downloads/Setting_Blocks_On_Point.pdf)

4. **Press well.**
5. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
6. **Quilt** as desired. I did an all over meander/stipple.



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

Congratulations!

Your quilt is finished! Enjoy!