# **Colorful Chains**

Top finishes at 91"x97" (approximate measurements)

To make the quilt pictured:



# You need:

- For the chains across and down:
  - Black 15/8 yards
  - Red 3/8 yard
  - Blue 3/8 yard
  - Purple 3/8 yard
- 6.5 yards of very light pastels or fabrics that will fade into the background
- 1 yard of various bold colored scraps for edge side and corner setting triangles
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. (I used scrappy 2.5" strips.)

## Cut:

• From various pastels and very lights :

630 - 2"x5

728 – 2"x2" squares

• From black:

542 - 2"x2" squares

• From red:

104 – 2"x2" squares

• From blue:

104 – 2"x2" squares

• From green:

78 - 2"x2" squares

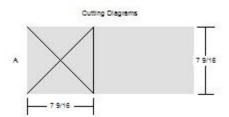
• From purple:

78 – 2"x2" squares

• From various darks – mimicking the red, blue, purple, green in the center chains:

54 - side setting triangles:

Cut an 8"square and then cut it in half again two times, diagonally, to make 4 side setting triangles: OK, OK, the EXACT measurements you should cut are in this diagram, but I always go bigger and then trim down later, after the top is finished:



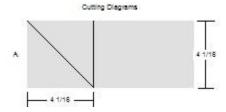
You will need a total of 54 of these side setting triangles!

#### 4 corner triangles:

Cut a piece of colorful (red, orange, purple, green, etc.)

4.5"x4.5" and then cut it one direction across diagonally. One square yields 2 corner triangles. The EXACT measurements you are supposed to cut it are these but I always round UP and then

trim once the top is guilted before I bind.

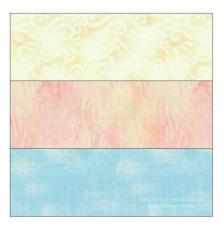


You need 4 for the 4 corners of your top!

### **Construct Blocks:**

Note: The entire quilt is made up of two different blocks:

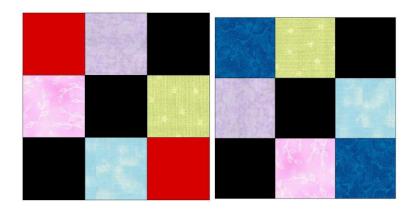
• **Rail fence:** Using three of your very light/pale colored 2"x5" strips, sew together (as shown) to form a rail fence block. Press.



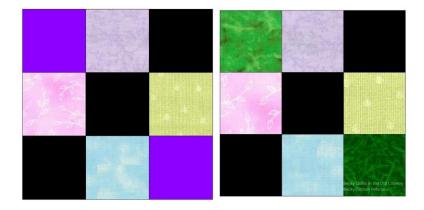
Make 210 rail fence blocks.

### • 9 Patch:

You need 4 different colorings of the 9 patch block. They look like this: Make 52 with red and 52 with blue with these layouts



Make 39 with purple and 39 with green with these layouts

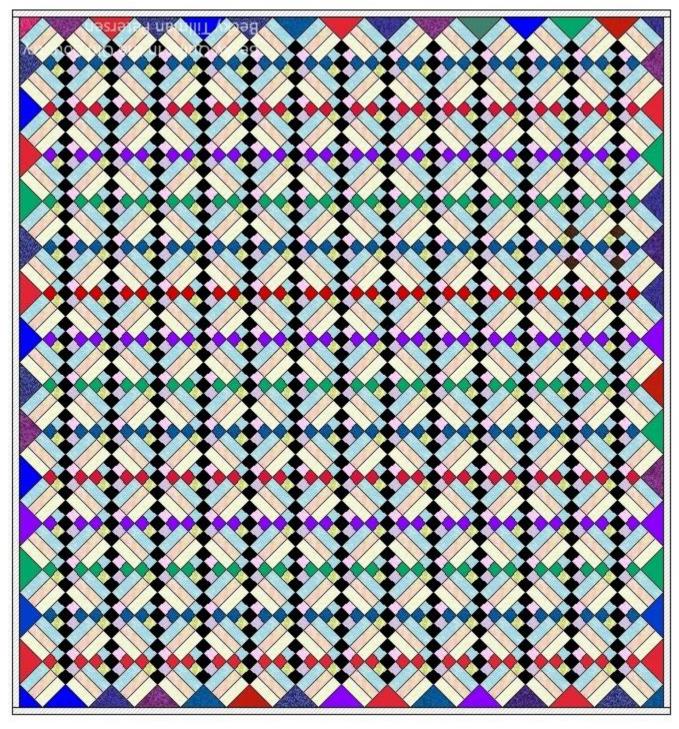


Make sure to keep the pastel colored blocks light for contrast!

If you do not know how to make 9 patch blocks, please do a google search and find videos or tutorials explaining this. I am assuming you already know how to make these. (There is no shame if you do not know yet, but in this edition of the pattern I do not explain it.)

# How to make this quilt:

1. Lay out completed blocks according to diagram



2. **Sew together in rows, starting in the corner, but I leave the actual corner triangle til very last.** Since this quilt is constructed "on point", follow the diagram and sew your blocks together, starting with the

side setting triangles. Here is a picture of "construction". I am using my bed as my design wall. Usually I use my living room rug.



The only tricky part of this one is making sure the chains go the right direction so that the colors form the chain!

For further instruction and clarity on constructing a quilt "on point", please google it. It is not included in this pattern. Don't forget to put the 4 corner triangles on last.

- 3. Press well.
- 4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
- 5. Quilt as desired. After quilting, trim along the edges, squaring up and eliminating the extra fabric that will be hanging off, uneven from having your setting and corner triangles a little too large.
- 6. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations!

Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!