## Scrappy Rail Fence

$100 " \times 112$ "

To make the quilt pictured:


## You need:

- $61 / 4 y$ yards of various colored medium or dark blue scraps
- $51 / 2$ yards of cream for borders and the cream part of the blocks
- $3 / 4$ yards for the binding (I cut into $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips and do a folded over binding)



## Cut:

## For each block:

1-2 $1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 6 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ cream strip (Total for my quilt - 224 strips)
$6-21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ blue squares - use mediums or darks without a lot of cream or white in the fabric (Total for this quilt -1344 squares)
(I used strip piecing of my various short pieces of shirtings and such to get the layout. I sewed three different $2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ as 'long as I could get it' pieces of blues together to form a long strip and then I cut it into $21 / 2$ " segments to form a strip of 3 squares. I used those strips to form the block.)


You will need 448 strip set segments if you choose to strip piece. I made a large variety so that my quilt has a lot of interesting things to look at!

## How to make the blocks:

If I didn't strip pieces, then you need to sew $3-2 \frac{1}{2} / \prime$ squares to each other to make a strip of 3 squares sewn together. Do that two times. Now you have two strips of $2 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ squares sewn together.
Like this:

and Press the seams in one direction. Now sew those two strips together, nesting the seams. It now looks like this:


Now add the $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ cream strip to one side of it so that the finished block looks like this:


Make 224 for a quilt the size I have. It is a $14 \times 16$ layout.

## How to make this quilt:

1. Using this diagram, place your blocks as shown below and sew together in rows. Since there are no sashing blocks, this is a very simple quilt top to put together.
2. Using this diagram, lay the blocks out by row, turning each block as shown.

Row 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, etc:


Row 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, etc:


I made all my sets of rows and then sewed the rows together, checking after each row that the zigzag was correct.

3. Add borders:
A. First border - cream. Cut strips $21 / 2$ " $\times$ WOF and piece together to get long pieces. For the sides, cut $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 961 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Attach to the sides. For the top and bottom, $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 881 / 2^{\prime \prime}$
B. Second border - dark/medium scraps I used pieces that were at least $12^{\prime \prime}$ long or so, and sewed them together to make a long strip and then cut pieces these lengths and pinned them in place and sewed them on.
For sides - $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 1001 /{ }^{\prime \prime}$
For top and bottom - $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 921 / 2^{\prime \prime}$
C. Third border - cream

Cut borders - $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 1041 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ for the sides, seaming as necessary and $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 1001 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ for the top and bottom, seaming as necessary.

4. Press well.
5. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
6. Quilt as desired.
7. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations!
Your quilt is finished!


