

Simple Drama

About 56.5" x 56.5"

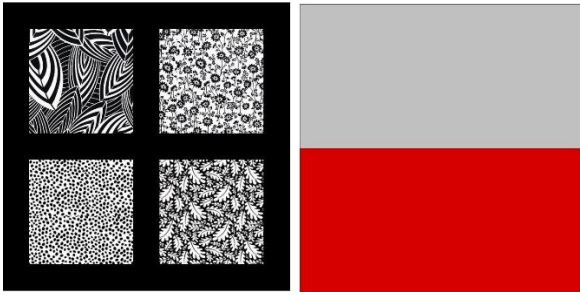
To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- 1 1/8 yards red
- 1 1/2 yards black
- 3/4 yards of geometrics for border plus 36 blocks that are cut 4.5" square
- 1 1/8 yards gray
- 1/2 yard of fabric for the binding.

This quilt is made up 2 blocks which finish at 11"



Cut:

For sashed block: (need 9 blocks)

From various geometrics –

- Cut 36 – 4.5" squares

From black –

- Cut 18 – 1.5" x 4.5" rectangles
- Cut 54 – 1.5" x 9.5" rectangles
- Cut 18 – 1.5" x 11.5" rectangles

For red and gray rail fence block: (need 4 blocks)

From red –

- 4 – 6" x 11.5" rectangles

From gray –

- 4 – 6" x 11.5" rectangles

For side setting triangles: Follow these instructions -

For the side setting triangles, make blocks first that are longer than they are tall.

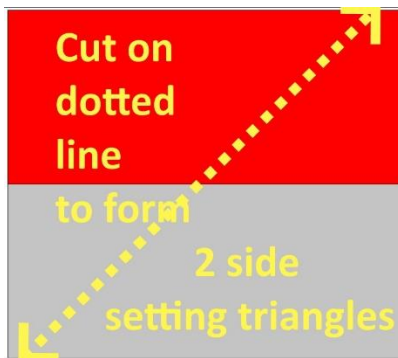
Cut 4 – 6" x 12.5" of red and 4 of gray.

Make 4 blocks that are similar to the regular rail fence blocks, but that are rectangular and not square. You will cut them as shown:

Here are the blocks: This block is 11.5" x 13" before being cut:



Then cut on dotted line to make two side setting triangles –



Make 4 such blocks which will result in 8 side setting triangles

Warning – the edges will be bias. Be careful when working with them. You can see by looking at my finished center of top that these will result in a little bit of a jaggy edged center. It will be later trimmed.

For corner setting triangles:

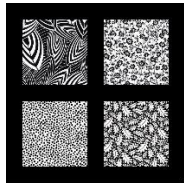
From red -

- Cut squares 9' and cut across the center once diagonally. Cut 2 like that to make 4 corners.

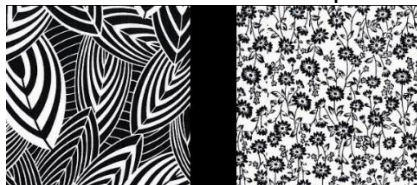


Construct Blocks:

Block 1 – sashed block:



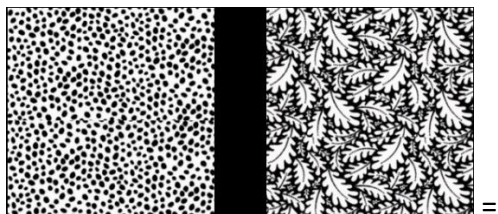
Put a black 1.5"x 4.5" strip between two 4.5" geometric squares as shown:



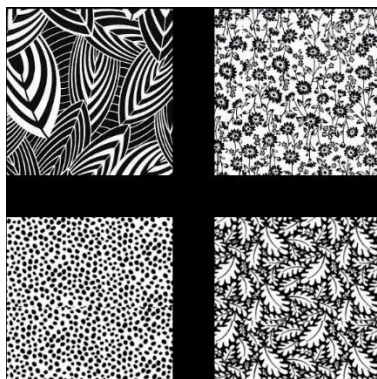
Make 18 such sets:

Now make the block: Insert a black 1.5"x9.5" strip between two sets of these sashed squares as shown:





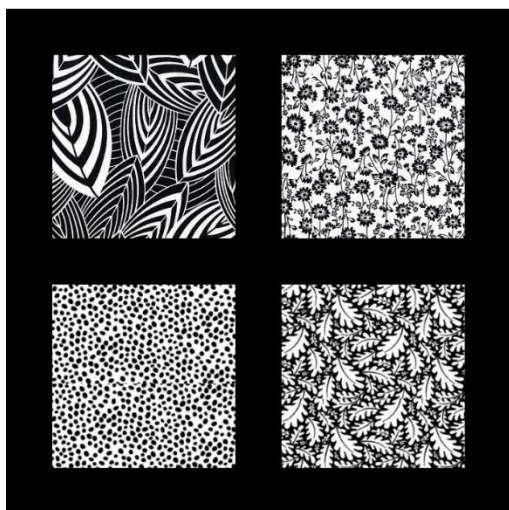
It looks like this:



Now add a 1.5"x 9.5" strip to each side as shown:

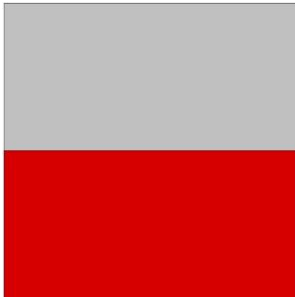


Now add a 1.5"x11.5" black strip to the top and bottom as shown:



Make 9 – they will be 11.5"x square at this point.

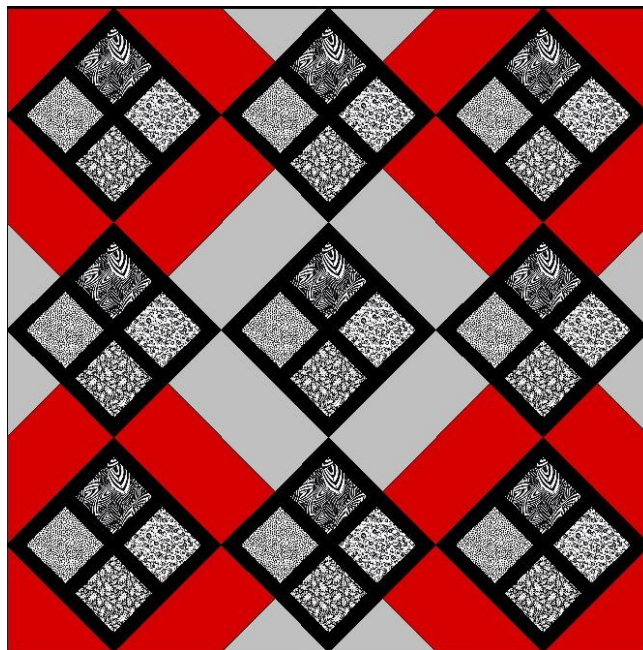
Block 2 – Rail fence block:



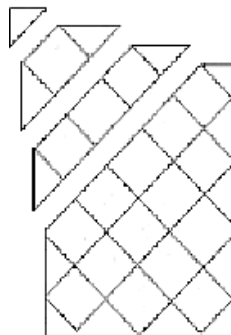
By simply sewing your rectangle red and gray 6"x11.5" pieces to each other, make 4 rail fence blocks;
Make 4 – they will be 11.5" square at this point.

How to put together this quilt:

Focus only on the middle at this point.



When you put a quilt together on point, you put the blocks on the diagonal –

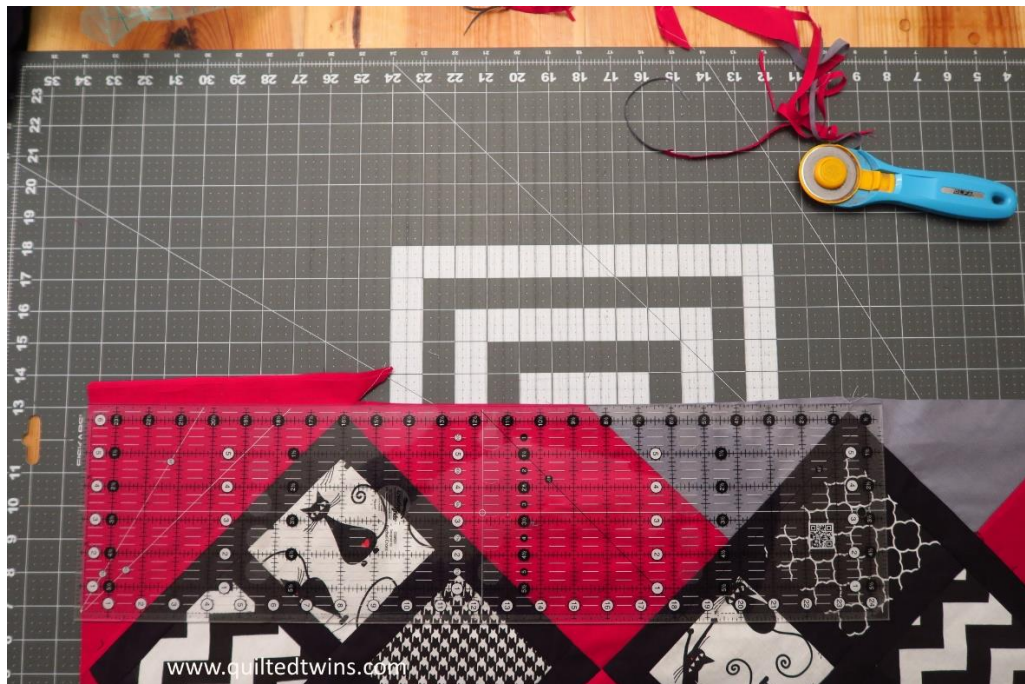




1. Make rows –

The rows are constructed on the diagonal. Print out a picture of the quilt layout or at least have it handy so you don't mess up the direction of the red/gray rail fence blocks: Use the side setting triangles you have already made and carefully place them in position to keep the pattern of the red and gray as shown. There are no sashings or cornerstones with this and the blocks are large. As such, it goes together quickly. Follow the direction of the yellow arrows to create the rows. First sew the blocks together in the row and then sew the rows together. I pinned when I worked with these blocks.

2. Trim the edges along the edges before adding the border if uneven. Trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ " just to the outside of the black frames on the sashed block:





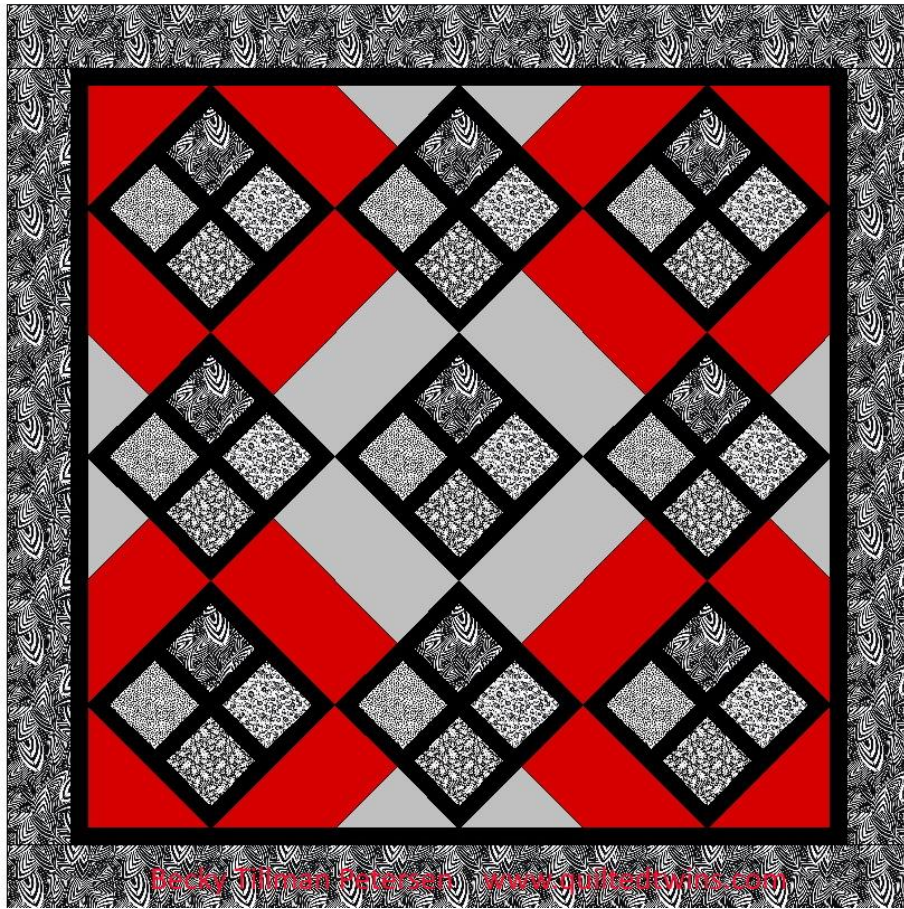
3. Add the borders:

A. First border – black: (Piece as necessary to get the length needed) Pin the border to the sides first as the red and gray pieces are on the bias and will stretch if not careful.

- Cut 2 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $47\frac{1}{4}$ " – attach to sides
- Cut 2 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $49\frac{1}{4}$ " – attach to top and bottom

B. Second border – geometrics: (Piece as necessary to get the length needed)

- Cut 2 – $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $49\frac{1}{4}$ " – attach to the sides
- Cut 2 – $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $57\frac{1}{4}$ " – attach to the top and bottom



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

It's that easy!!!! Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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