

Rail Fence Pattern

Fabric requirements:

5/8 yard of 4 different fabrics for the blocks. I would suggest 1 light, 2 medium and 1 dark. The easiest thing to do is to pick a favorite fabric and then pick 3 others that coordinate with your "focus" fabric. 1/2 yard would be sufficient, but if you slip while cutting you will have no extra. Any leftovers can be the beginning of your stash.

1/3 yard for the inner border

1 yard for the outer border

1/2 yard for binding

Backing and batting - Most of the time I wait and purchase my backing & batting when I finish the quilt. If I decide to alter the size of the quilt or add a border I can do it without having to consider the size of the backing since it was not prepurchased.

Supplies:

Rotary cutter - I find the cutters with 45 mm blades are usually the easiest to use.

Rotary cutting mat - the most versatile size is 18 x 24. Larger is nice, but is hard to transport to class, and does not always fit on the tables. Smaller mats are very awkward when cutting long strips of fabric.

6 x 24 gridded ruler - it comes in handy to have a smaller ruler for smaller cuts (3x12, or 4x16) but is not necessary.

Scissors - small to snip threads and large if needed for cutting fabric.

Quilter's pins - long pins - either flower head or yellow ball.

Large safety pins (will not be needed until after the quilt top is finished).

Seam ripper

Sewing machine that you are familiar with in good working order.

1/4 inch foot for sewing machine.

Walking foot for sewing machine - you do not need if you plan to tie, hand quilt or have someone else quilt your top, if you do plan on quilting your top on your machine this foot will not be needed until after the quilt top is finished.

Good quality thread in a neutral color - i.e.: gray, tan or off white.