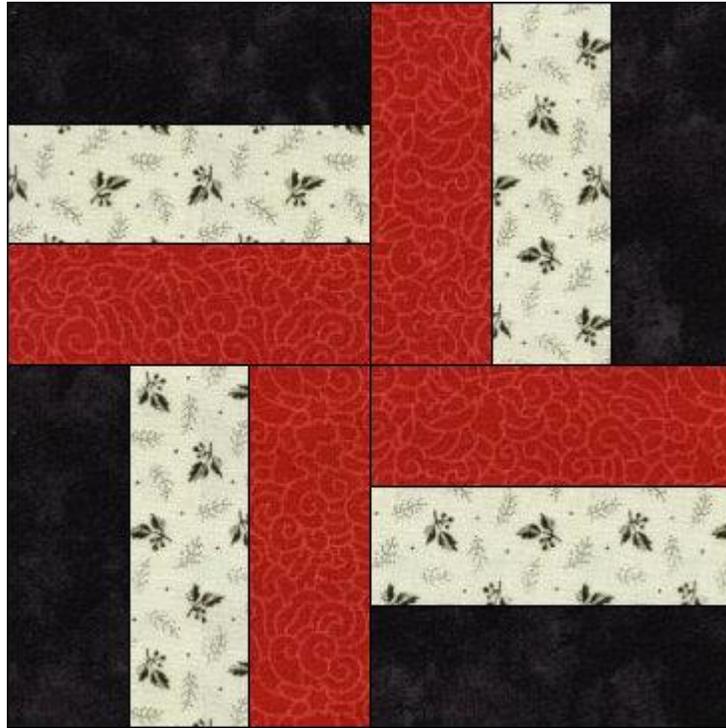


February Quilt Blocks – to be in the March drawing

Remember, the more blocks you bring, the more times your name goes in the drawing.



Rail Fence

Tips & Hints

This will be a really quick block to do. We will be using a red print and small black print on a white or off-white background and black solid or print.

Cutting directions for TWO blocks are below:

Cut two strips of each of the three fabrics 2 1/2" wide and the width of the fabric.

Sew a red strip to a light printed strip, matching the long sides and using a scant quarter inch seam. Press toward the red strip. Sew a black strip to the light printed strip. Press toward the black strip. This should measure 6 1/2" across. If it does not, measure your seams and adjust. This is a really good way to check your 1/4 inch seam allowance. Repeat for the other strips.

Square up one end of the strip set and cut as many 6 1/2" units as you can from it, checking occasionally to make sure your units are staying square. Cut your remaining units from the

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second strip set. You will need a total of eight units for two blocks. Join two units as shown in the first row of the block graphic. The black is at the top in the first unit and on the right in the second unit. Press toward the vertical red strip in the second unit. Join the second row with the black strip in the first unit on the left and the black strip in the second unit on the bottom. Press toward the vertical red strip in the first unit. Join the two rows together, matching seams, which should be pressed in opposite directions. It will probably be easiest to press this seam open. Repeat for the second block.

We are making TWO blocks for March. The blocks are 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" unfinished. Do not trim your blocks. Let the winners of the blocks trim them as necessary when they set them into a quilt top.

If your blocks are late, you won't be in the drawing for that month. In case you forget to bring your BOM to the meeting, this is your opportunity to make more of the same block and create your own project.

Another reminder, all blocks should be made with 100% cotton, quilt shop quality fabrics that have been washed, dried and pressed.

