

Blocked Fence



This pattern is based on an authentic 19th century quilt. It finishes to approximately 42" x 58". The original used a variety of fabrics to give it a scrappy look. You can use up your scraps, too, or make it a planned scrappy by using:

- 1 yard dark (the red in this quilt)
- 1/4 yard Medium 1 (the purple in this quilt)
- 1/4 yard Medium 2 (the green in this quilt)
- 1/2 yard Light 1 (the gold in this quilt)
- 1/4 yard Light 2 (the ecru in this quilt)
- 2/3 yd co-ordinating fabric for the border.

Cut each of your fabrics into 2" wide strips by the width of the fabric. Set aside 5 of the Light 1 strips to use in the first border.

Choosing your dark, medium and light strips at random, sew them into sets in the order as shown in the graphic to the right. Use a 1/4" seam. Press away from the center strip. Make 3 of these sets of strips. You will have strips left over.

DARK
MEDIUM
LIGHT
MEDIUM
DARK

Cut these sets every 5", making a 5" x 8" strip set . You will need 24 of these strip sets.

	DARK	
D	MEDIUM	D
A	LIGHT	A
R	MEDIUM	R
K	DARK	K

From 10 of the remaining dark strips, cut (48) 2" x 8" strips. Sew these to either side of the five-strip block sets you just made, easing to fit. Forcing your block to match these strips exactly will force the block to remain square.

Press to the dark strip you just added. Square up to 8" if necessary.

Sew these blocks in (6) rows of four blocks each, turning every other block as shown in the graphic below. Press all the block joining seams to the right.

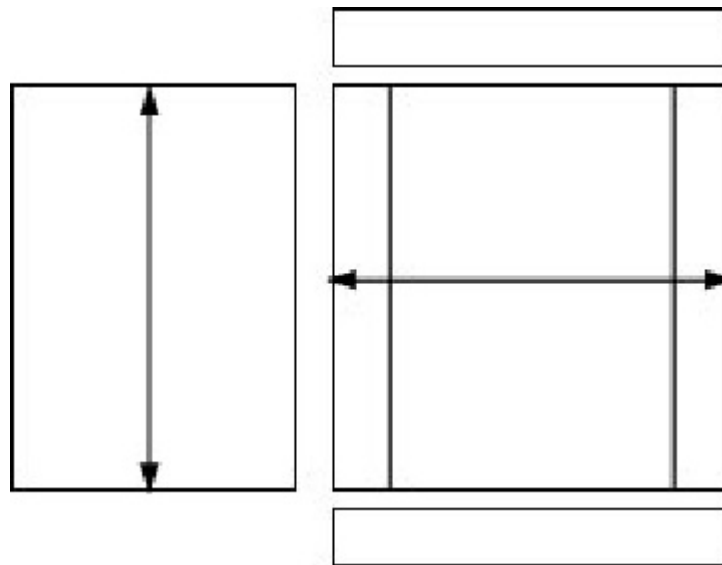


Note that when you sew the rows together into the final top, you will need to flip every other row. The odd rows should start with the center strips being horizontal. The even rows should start with the center strips being vertical. The seams should just touch at the intersections, locking the seams and helping you to keep the quilt square.

Take the (5) Light 1 strips that you set aside earlier and sew them end to end to make one LONG strip. Miter the joins if you prefer. You will cut this strip for your first border.

Measure your quilt through the center vertically. Cut two borders from the LONG Light 1 Strip to this length and sew it to both sides of the quilt top. Press to the border. DO NOT just sew on the border and cut off the excess! That is a recipe for wavy borders.

Repeat for the top and bottom border. Press to the border.



Cut your border fabric into 4 ½" strips. Sew them end to end to make one LONG strip.

Measure your quilt through the center horizontally this time. Cut two borders from your LONG strip to this length and sew it to the top and bottom of the quilt top. Press to the border and measure again in the opposite direction. Cut two strips of this length for the side borders. Press to the border.

You are done! Pin your quilt top to the wall for a few days so you can admire it and your family can praise you. Use this time to decide how to quilt (or tie) your quilt.

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