

Rising Star Quilters

April 2019 Block of the Month

Please return your finished block(s) at the next meeting.

(If you cannot bring it to that meeting, bring it back as soon as possible and it will be given to the winner).

Ornamental Rail Fence

- This is a rail fence pattern (Five $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $10\frac{1}{2}$ strips) but with an ornamental diagonal running through it.
- Finished block should be $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Do not square up final block.
- Please use quality 100% cotton quilting fabric and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams.

For this block you will need:

- One 14 inch x $2\frac{1}{2}$ strip of white contrast fabric, which is provided; this needs to be sub-cut into 5 $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch pieces (there is an extra $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 inches provided)
- Five strips (9 inches each) of bright batik fabric from one color family. **All strips should be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide** (jelly roll), with lengths as follows:

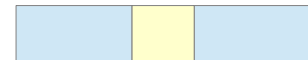
2 $8\frac{1}{2}$ -inch strips

2 9-inch strips, cut into pieces of $6\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches

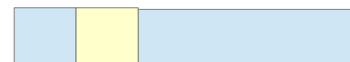
1 9-inch strip, cut into two pieces of $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Instructions:

Sew contrast fabric in between two $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch pieces for a $10\frac{1}{2}$ inch center strip:



Sew contrast fabric in between each $6\frac{1}{2}$ inch piece and its $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch match for two strips $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches



Sew contrast fabric to one end of each $8\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip for top and bottom strips of $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches



Press seams to dark fabric as often as possible. You end up with 5 strips $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

Assemble as follows:

Sew strips together horizontally to get a stair-step with contrast fabric.
Press lengthwise seams in same direction.

