



Odd Blocks Challenge

Block 7 - July 2016

In which I know I'm late (again) – hope to catch up with 2 blocks in September!

Well huge thanks to my guest Block of the Month'er! Hilary has come to my rescue again with this lovely, simple but effective (just as I like them) block of the month.

Rail Fence Block Strip Piecing

Step 1

Cut your strips.

You will need 5 strips 1 ½ ins wide by 23-24 ins long. This allows the edges to be straightened.

You can use 5 different fabrics or 2 sets of 2 and 1 single strip. (as we have done)

Step 2

Use a scant ¼ in seam.

With right sides together (RST) stitch a dark to a medium segment and repeat.

Press each of the strip sets (SS) in a closed position to set the seam. Then press the seam allowance (SA) towards the dark fabric.

Step 3

With RST stitch the light strip to the medium or dark fabric of 1 of the SS.

Press then repeat with the other SS to match the first or as you wish.



Step 4

Lay your pressed strip set on your cutting mat.

Line up a line on your ruler with one of the seam lines. Cut to straighten one end with your rotary cutter and ruler.

Now cut the unit into four 5 ½ in wide blocks.

The four rail blocks are finished.

Blocks can be stitched together in rows with the seam pressed towards the solid vertical patch. Then the 2 rows can be stitched together.



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