

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY----FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Project is Scrappy Random Railfence Block/Quilt with permission from Riel Nason.

- 1) This pattern will use numerous **2 ½ wide** strips of fabric. You can use yardage cut WOF or you can use your many leftover scraps from various projects that are 2 ½ wide by 4 to 10 inches long. You will need a total length of at least **45 WOF** strips to make 20 blocks. The more pieces of different fabrics you have the more interesting your quilt will be.
- 2) Take your 2 ½ inch strips and cut them into random lengths between 4 and 10 inches long.
- 3) Start randomly grabbing any two pieces and sew them together. Chain stitching will help this go faster. Really...don't think about what pieces you are using, just grab different lengths and colors and sew!!!
- 4) After you have joined some in groups of two, then join those groups. Just keep joining until you have a very long piece---the longer it is the more variety.
- 5) Press the seams of your long strip. Direction of pressing does not matter.
- 6) Cut 12 ½ strips from your long piece. If you come to a place where the cut will land on a seam or close to it, just cut that piece off and continue cutting.
- 7) Choose 6 strips from your pile and sew them together using a ¼ inch seam. Again...**random** is the key to a fun quilt.
- 8) Press and trim to a 12 ½ by 12 ½ block.

9) Arrange blocks in a railfence pattern. Sew blocks together using $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. I sewed 5 rows with 4 blocks in each row. Press each row in the opposite direction. Sew rows together.

10) Adding a border or two makes this a perfect lap size quilt for community service. I used 1 and 3 inch finished borders.

These directions written by Rosie Mott from Riel Nason's Tutorial