

Pastel Rails

Top finishes at 77" x 92"

To make the quilt pictured:



You need:

- Approximately 8 1/2 yards of yardage in order to cut out these strips. (However, I used strips I had already cut into 2" width from my scraps.)
- ½-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. (I used scrappy 2.5" strips in various pastels.)

Cut:

Cut out 600 2" x 8" strips from your various pastel scraps. Whew. Heave a sigh of relief.

Construct blocks:

This quilt is made up of all one block – a basic “rail fence” block. This one has 5 rails.

This is what the block looks like:



After cutting all your strips and after deciding on color placement, sew one strip to the other until you have 5 strips sewn together as in the diagram above. Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams. Press seams to one side. Do this 120 times to make 120 blocks. The blocks should finish at 8"x8" at this point. (The diagram above shows the size after it is sewn into the quilt.)

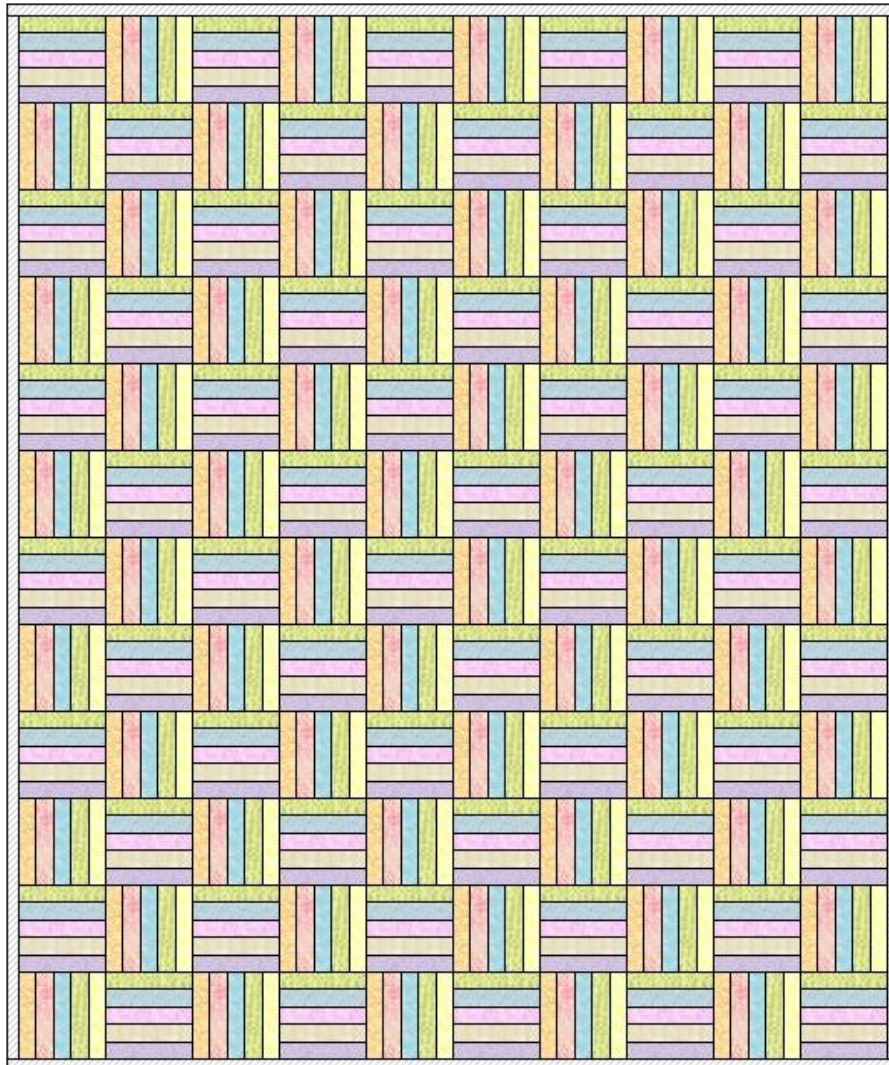
How to make this quilt:

1. Construct your blocks.

The finished block will look like this and should finish at 8" x 8" before you sew them all together.



- 2. Place blocks as in this diagram** by putting every other block at a 90 degree angle to the one beside it. Follow this diagram for a 10x12 layout (10 blocks wide, and 12 blocks tall) Make sure you like your color placement. (Try not to get all your pinks or yellows in one section of the quilt, for example.)



This is my layout. I use my living room floor as a design board.



3. **Sew the blocks together** as per the layout.
4. **Press well.**
5. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
6. **Quilt** as desired. I used a large meandering stipple.



7. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

It's that easy!!!
Your quilt is finished!
Enjoy!

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