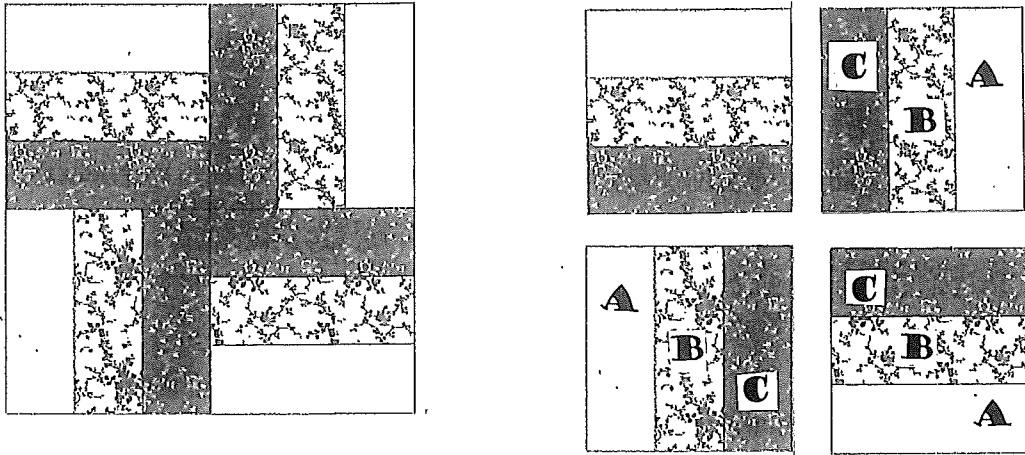


MONADNOCK QUILTERS' GUILD  
Block of the Month – February, 2012

**RED RAILS!**

*This pattern should result in a block that measures 12½" when completed, and will finish as a 12" block when stitched into a quilt.*

This pattern has been known as "Rail Fence", "Rails", and "Split Rail Fence". I saw it once in Colorado as a raffle quilt, using earthy tones, and it was called "Rails-to-Trails" with the proceeds going to the Rails To Trails Conservancy. *NOTE, Full Disclosure: this is a repeat from July, 2011, when we used red-white-blue fabrics.*



- + You will need three fabrics:
  - bright white or white-on-white {fabric A}
  - red-on-white {fabric B}
  - white-on-red {fabric C}
- + Each rail section measures 2½" x 6½" inches. For each block, cut 4 rails from each of your three fabrics. Stitch three bars together in order given, press all seams to one side, making four sections for each block.
- + Alternatively, cut 2 ½" strips from each fabric, approximately 27" long and stitch the three strips together in the order given. Press all seams to one side, crosscut into four 6½" squares.
- + Lay out the 4 squares so that the fabric with the most red is to the center, aligning the strips as shown above. Sew the top two together, press the seam toward Fabric C; then sew the bottom two together, again, pressing the seam toward Fabric C.
- + Sew the top half to the bottom half, nesting the seams for a nice clean intersection.
- + Press and, for ease of sewing into a Cozy Cover, please square up your block to 12½"! Many thanks.