

RED, WHITE AND BLUE VETERAN'S LAP QUILT

Mothertown Quilters Outreach Fall Project

Directions for making the 48x60 rail fence quilt

Material needed for quilt:

3 yards for top piecing, choose reds, whites and blues, 1 yd ea*

3 yards for backing (42-44 wide) or 108" wide, 2yds= 2 quilt backs

½ yard for binding

Batting for a 48x 60 quilt

Color appropriate or neutral thread

Cut of each of the red, white and blue fabrics: 14 strips each @ 2 1/2" wide, WOF. Sew one of each color strip to the others, WOF, making one panel with the three different colors, now 6 1/2" wide x 42-44 long. Press to center strip. Make 14 panels. Cut the 3 strip panels into 6 1/2" squares. You will need 80 for the quilt.

*I used two different reds that coordinated for the quilt, as there was not enough of each one to complete the quilt. Making sure the color value matched, made this work.

Arrange the squares in rows 8 across, alternating the squares stripes going vertical, then horizontally. Pin and sew the squares together, into a row.

Make 10 rows, making sure 5 rows start with a vertical square and 5 horizontal so they alternate over the whole quilt. This will create a zig-zag effect or streak of lightning.

Press the completed rows, being sure to press all the rows starting with vertical to the left and all rows sewn starting with horizontal to the right. (This will enable the seams when sewn, to butt together when rows are sewn together to complete the quilt)

Pin and sew rows together being sure to alternate the first block as to vertical/horizontal, as well as pinning and matching sewn seams of the squares together one row to the next.

Press the completed top. A border may be made, but if you decide to add one, buy extra fabric. (In the prototype there was no border). The quilt should measure 48 ½ x 60 1/2. Make and press the backing, layer the back/batting and top, secure (pin or baste or tack) and machine quilt the quilt.

To make binding you will need approx 225" of 2 1/2" binding strips, pressed double fold. Cut 6-7 strips WOF 2 1/2" wide of binding fabric. Press in half to 1 1/4" wide. Sew to top, fold facing into quilt, all raw edges together. Fold over to back and slip stitch to back.

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