

Freemotion by the River

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Have you ever made a Split Rail Fence quilt? It is one of the easiest quilt designs to make and looks different every time depending on the fabrics you use.

I finished up my batik Split Rail Fence quilt which was a old, old UFO (unfinished quilt). I think I started it about 2 years ago and for some reason decided I wasn't too crazy about it and stuck it away.



I had enough blocks done to make a baby quilt but I also had a pile of pieces already cut for more blocks so I decided to make it bigger.

The finished size after washing and drying is 70 x 86, it was originally 74 x 90. I washed it in warm water and dried in the dryer, none of the fabrics had been washed before. I used Warm & Natural batting and the backing was an oldie from my stash.

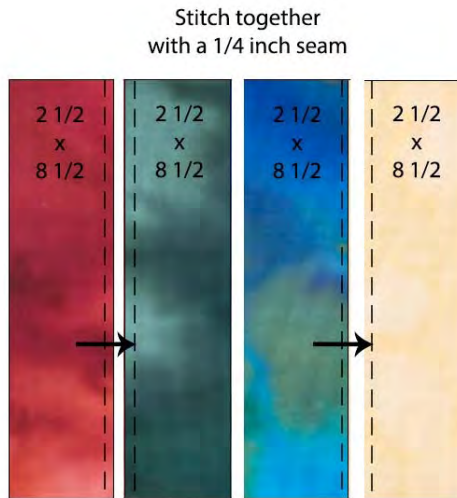


Split Rail Block

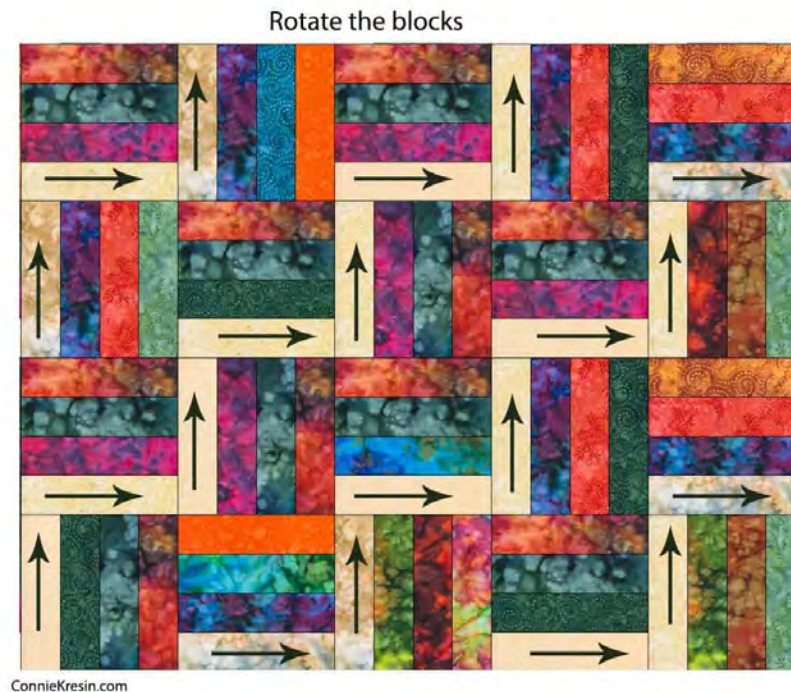
A Split Rail quilt is perfect for using up jelly rolls or 2½" strips of fabrics in your stash.

Each block consists of three medium to dark fabrics and one light fabric.

Sew the four 2½" strips together with the light one on one end. Press your strips, they should measure 8½-inches wide. Sub-cut them into squares that are 8½-inch by 8½-inch.



You will rotate every other block in your rows to create the split rail pattern.



There is no yardage for this as I used batiks that were in my stash.

Quilt blocks

There are eleven rows of nine blocks in the quilt which gave me a quilt that was 74 by 90.

- Make 99 blocks for this size of quilt



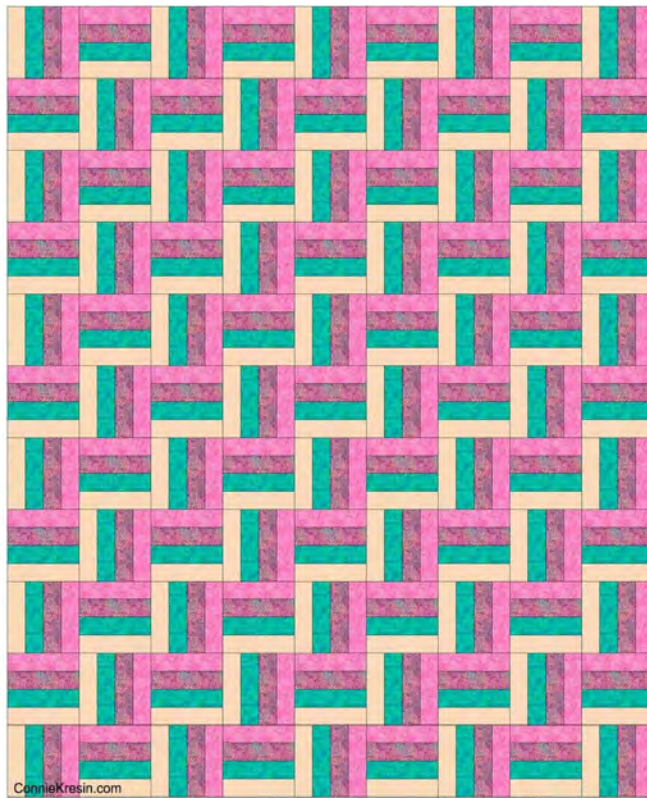
You could easily make this quilt smaller or larger. Here is a better diagram of the quilt for you.



I haven't included yardage for the scrap quilt but if you wanted to make this size of quilt using four different fabrics, here is the yardage for the quilt top.

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- Cream - 2 yards
- Teal - 2 yards
- Plum - 2 yards
- Pink - 2 yards



The quilting is just a medium-sized stippling.



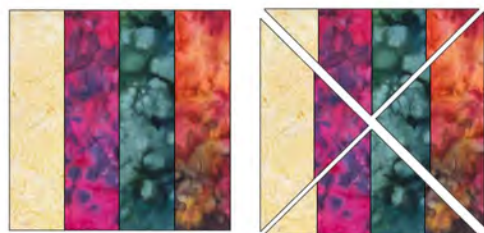
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I guess you could say I have a lot of different batiks in my stash.....I had a layer cake of batiks that were in off white colors that were used in this so there is a variety of light pieces.

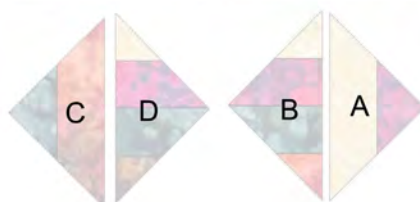
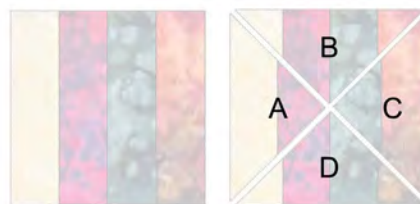
It is good to see another old piece of fabric used up on the back to make room for new.



Something else you can do with this block is turn it into the Hidden Wells block. This diagram makes it a little easier to see the sections you would cut



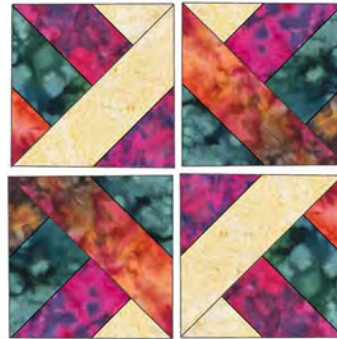
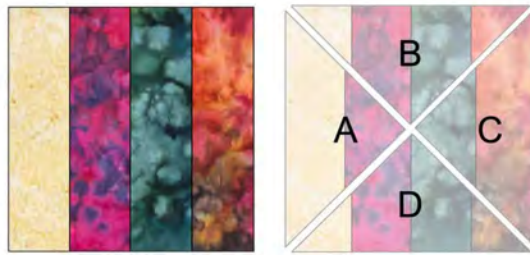
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This diagram gives you an idea of how you would piece the sections back together. One thing to be very careful of is how you handle the pieces.

You will have a lot of bias edges that will stretch. Be sure to read my [Hidden Wells block tutorial for more information](#).



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Take a look at how you could put the blocks together for a quilt. For this example, I am using the same four fabric throughout. This would look completely different using scraps from your stash.



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I'm Connie Kresin Campbell and I love to create and share quilt tutorials and patterns. I have been an ambassador for Island Batik so you'll see lots of projects made with beautiful batiks. I've also done guest posts on AccuQuilt's blog and share tutorials using the GO! cutting machine and dies. I hope you will enjoy your visit at Freemotion by the River and find inspiration and goodies.

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