

## Join Us for Block of the Month!— A Traditional Block and a Modern Variation

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✦ **Oct 27 Show & Tell Reminder** - Please bring **your Rail Fence blocks and Snowball, Courthouse and 4-Patch blocks you have not shared yet.**

### Traditional – Rail Fence Block

1. Cut 12 strips 2" x 5". (4 light strips and 8 dark strips)
2. Using a 1/4" seam, sew a light strip to a dark strip, right sides together. Then sew a second dark strip to the opposite side of the light strip. Each block will be dark/light/dark strips to make a 5" square.
3. Repeat step 2, three more times for a total of 4 - 5" squares. Arrange the 4 blocks into a larger block.
4. Using a 1/4" seam, sew the four patches together. Trim block to 9 1/2" if necessary.



### Modern Variation – Rail Fence Block

1. In addition to the pieces for the traditional block, cut 4 - 2" squares. Draw a line from the opposite corners on the back of each square.
2. Place 1 square on one end of a dark strip, right sides together. **One end of the drawn line needs to point to the center of the pinwheel. See photo above.** Sew on the drawn line. Trim excess fabric 1/4" from the sewn line. Press the seam open to create a 2" x 5" rectangle.
3. Repeat step 2, aligning the squares to all point the same way.
4. Follow the instructions for the traditional block above, orienting half-squares to form a pinwheel in the center of the block. See pictures for layout.

**Or create your own Rail Fence block variation.**

- **Block of the Month Program** - Explained in the June 10 and July 10 newsletters
- See newsletter for other blocks. **4-Patch** (June 10), **Courthouse** (Aug 10), and **Snowball** (Sept 10)



Mahalo to Pauline, Linda, Sally, Joedy and Ruth for sharing their beautiful Snowball blocks!