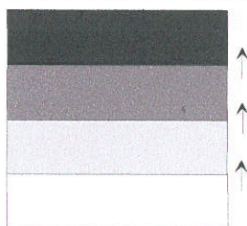


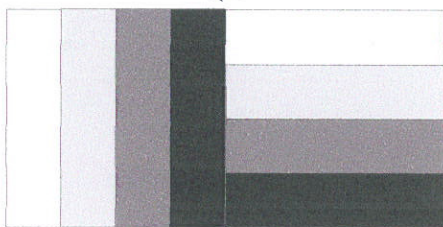
It is extremely important that your seam allowance is a perfect  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". It's the secret to getting any quilt to fit together properly. You can check this on your machine by gently lowering your needle onto a ruler, set on the throat plate of your machine. Measure the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " mark from there. It may not be the edge of your foot. You can mark this perfect  $\frac{1}{4}$ " with a piece of masking tape on the plate of your machine if necessary. Your block should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " after it is sewn together. This will give you a "finished size" of 12" when the quilt top is sewn together.

1. Sew four 2" X 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips together placing colors from light to dark. Press all seam allowances toward the darker colors:

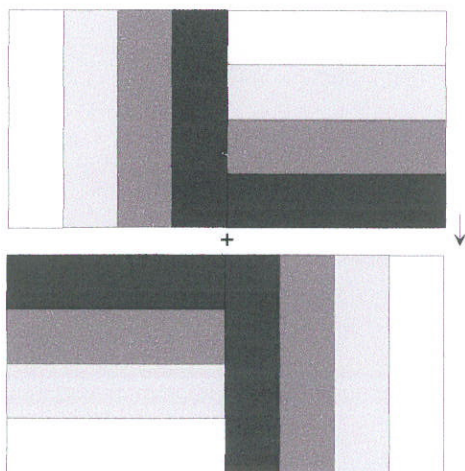
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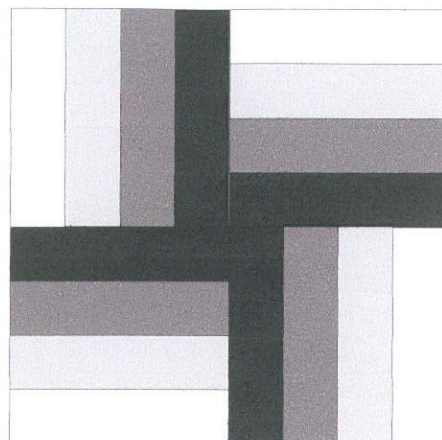
2. Sew two of these units together as shown. Be sure to check your color placement. Press seam allowances toward the darkest strip of fabric. Make two like this:



3. Pin and sew the units together to form a Rail Fence block:



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## Rail Fence

