# Three At A Time 

## Pattern by mocka Quilt is $64^{\prime \prime} \times 68^{\prime \prime}$

Rail Fence


The Three At A Time Pattern is offered in two versions, the Four-Patch version and the Rail Fence version. The same pattern and piecing methods, with small cutting differences. Piece and use

Four-Patch or Rail Fence Blocks separately as shown or mix the two!
FABRIC REQUIREMENTS
Prints: 1 Jelly Roll
Background and Border: 2 yards
Binding: $3 / 4$ yard
Backing: 4 yards
*Jelly Roll $=40-21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ width of fabric strips

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## Cutting Instructions:

(WOF = Width of Fabric, JR = Jelly Roll)

## From the Jelly Roll:

- Unroll the Jelly Roll. For added variety, cut each strip in half $-21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21^{\prime \prime}$. Before cutting on the fold, make sure the strips are the same length. Sort the strips to make (36) pairs for each quilt version.


## From the Background and Border 1 Fabric:

- Cut (1) $41 / 2 " \times$ WOF strips. Subcut:
o From (1) strip subcut (6) $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
- Cut (5) $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Subcut (45) $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles.
- Cut (7) $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ WOF strips. Piece for length. Subcut the following:

O (2) $2 \frac{1}{2 "} \times 64 \frac{1}{2 "}$ strips for Side Borders.
O (2) $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times 64 \frac{1}{2}$ " strips for Top/Bottom Borders.
From the Binding Fabric:

- Cut (7) $21 / 4 " \times$ WOF strips.

Construction:
(Use $1 / 4$ " seams. Press in the direction of the arrows in the diagrams. Find the instructions for the quilt you wish to complete, either the Four-Patch Quilt or the Rail Fence Quilt. Follow instructions only for that version.)

## Four-Patch Quilt Version Construction:

1. Join (2) $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21$ " print fabric strips lengthwise. Repeat to make (36) unique strip sets.

(Jelly Roll Pro Accuracy Tip: Before pressing, place the $21 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ line of a ruler on the seam line and trim/straighten the unsewn zigzag edge of the JR strips. This helps with
 accuracy when the blocks are assembled.)
2. Subcut each strip set into (8) $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " wide segments. Segments should measure $2^{1 / 2 " \prime} \times 4^{1} 2^{\prime \prime}$.

3. Join (2) segments to make a Four-Patch unit. Mix segments up for a very scrappy quilt as shown on the pattern cover, or match colors or prints for a more controlled look. Four-Patch units will measure $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 4 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$.

(Before pressing: Spin/Open the seam so that the seams will abut when the four-patches are joined. Using the tip of a seam ripper, remove the stitches above the horizontal seam line on both sides of the seam.


Next, press the horizontal seam in opposing directions so that the seams are going in a counter-clockwise direction.

* Depending on how your four-patches were assembled, the seams might be going in a clockwise direction. That works too.)

4. Repeat to make (144) Four-Patch units.


## Four-Patch Block Assembly:

5. Make large blocks using (3) Four-Patch units. Sew together as shown. Repeat to make (42) large blocks measuring $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
6. Make medium blocks using (2) Four-Patch units. Sew together as shown. Repeat to make (6) medium blocks measuring $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 8 \frac{1}{2}$ ".
7. There should be (6) Four-Patch units remaining. Set those aside as small blocks used in quilt assembly.


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## Rail Fence Quilt Version Construction:

8. Join (2) $2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21$ " print fabric strips lengthwise. Repeat to make (36) unique strip sets. Press the seam in one direction.

(Jelly Roll Pro Accuracy Tip: Before pressing, place the $2 \frac{1}{4}$ " line of a ruler on the seam line and trim/straighten the unsewn zigzag edge of the JR strips. This helps with accuracy when the blocks are assembled.)

9. Subcut each strip set (into 4) $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide segments. Segments should measure $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times$ $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
10. Repeat to subcut (144) segments.


## Rail Fence Block Assembly:

11. Make large blocks using (3) subcut Rail Fence pieces. Sew together as shown. Repeat to make (42) large blocks measuring $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
12. Make medium blocks using (2) subcut Rail Fence pieces. Sew together as shown. Repeat to make (6) medium blocks measuring $4 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 8 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$.
13. There should be (6) Rail Fence pieces remaining. Set those aside as small blocks used in quilt assembly.

(6) Small Blocks


## Quilt Assembly for Four-Patch and Rail Fence Quilts

14. Lay out large, medium and small blocks, as well as $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangles and $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background squares into vertical rows as shown. (Please note: The vertical rows should step down moving to the left with each row. The sixth row repeats the layout of the first row, the seventh row repeats the second row and so on. The five vertical row layout is repeated three times.)
15. Join the parts of each vertical row. Press the seams in one direction.

Four-Patch Quilt Assembly


Rail Fence Quilt Assembly

16. Join the vertical rows using pins to keep rows aligned properly while sewing. Press the seams in one direction. Before joining the rows, make sure the spacing is correct. (Ask us how we know!)
17. The quilt top center will measure 601/2" $\times 641 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
18. Next, attach the borders. Sew the $21 / 2$ " $\times 641 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Side Borders to either side of the quilt top center. Press outward.
19. Sew the $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 641 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Top/Bottom Borders to the quilt top center. Press outward to complete the quilt.

Four-Patch Quilt


Rail Fence Quilt
$21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 641 / 2^{\prime \prime}$

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20. Layer, quilt and bind as desired.


