



Rail Fence Placemats
pattern by Sherri McConnell

24 Charm Squares (6 per placemat)

$\frac{1}{3}$ yard for inner borders

$\frac{3}{4}$ yard for outer borders (or $\frac{1}{8}$ yard for each if you make these different)

$\frac{2}{3}$ yard for binding

Begin by cutting each charm square into 3 strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5". Mix up your strips and sew together into sets of 3.

Pressing really doesn't matter...press seams open, or press in one direction. These sections should measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".

Now, cut the sections in $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Choose 6 different squares for each placemat center. Lay them out so the colors and prints are mixed well.

Sew the top three units together, the bottom three units together, and then sew the two rows together. Measurements for borders are provided below...be sure to measure your pieces and cut your borders to the measurement you need.

Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of the inner border fabric to the left and right sides of the center unit. Press out toward the borders.

Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $11\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of the inner border fabric to the top and bottom sides of the center unit. Press out toward the borders.

For the outer borders, sew a 2" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to the left and right sides of the placemat unit. Press toward the border fabric.

Sew a 2" x $14\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to the top and bottom of the placemat unit. Press toward the border fabric.

Layer your placemat top, batting, and backing and quilt as desired. Bind your placemats and enjoy!

