

# Mod Rails

Top finishes at 63" x 84"

To make the quilt pictured:



## You need:

- 3 5/8 yards of navy
- 2 3/4 yards of various solid colorful pieces – the minimum you need for one block is 3 – 2"x11" strips of fabric
- 1/2-5/8 yard of fabric for the binding. I used colorful scraps from the fabrics I used in the quilt.

## Cut:

From navy:

- 240 – 2"x11" strips

From various colored solid fabrics:

- From each color, cut 3 – 2"x11" strips –  
Use a variety of colorful strips. Cut enough for 48 blocks. Since I was using all upcycled fabrics, I started with what I had plenty of—reds...then I looked around for fabrics that would provide contrast to the red while showing contrast with the navy as well.

## Construct blocks:

This quilt is made up of 1 block. It is a classic rail fence block made up of 7 rails. It looks like this: Each block uses 4 navy 2"x11" strips and 3 colorful 2"x11" strips.



To make block:

Sew one navy strip to a colorful strip. Then sew another navy, then another colorful, on to that group until your block looks like the one pictured above. Press seams to one side. Use  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Before sewing into quilt, the block should measure 11"x11".

Make 48. Use a variety of colorful solids if you want yours to look like mine.

## How to make this quilt:

1. **Construct your blocks.**
2. **Place blocks as in this diagram** by putting every other block at a 90 degree angle to the one beside it. Put colors in a pleasing arrangement to you.



3. **Sew the blocks together** as per the layout. First sew together in rows, and then sew the rows together, nesting seams as needed.
4. **Press well.**
5. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
6. **Quilt** as desired. (I used a walking foot and quilted in circles to help reinforce the modern look. The rail fence quilt pattern is a very old, OLD pattern, so I was trying everything I could to help it look more modern.)



7. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

It's that easy!!!!

Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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Note: I used all upcycled fabrics. The navy fabric (a really nice sheet from Ikea) limited how big this quilt ended up being. When I ran out of navy, I stopped making blocks.