Scrappy Rail Fence
100”x112”
To make the quilt pictured:

You need:

• 6¼ yards of various colored medium or dark blue scraps
• 5½ yards of cream for borders and the cream part of the blocks
• 3/4 yards for the binding (I cut into 2½” strips and do a folded over binding)
This quilt consists of 1 main block. It measures 6½” x 6½” before being sewn into the top.

Cut:

For each block:

1 – 2 ½” x 6 ½” cream strip (Total for my quilt – 224 strips)
6 – 2½”x2½” blue squares – use mediums or darks without a lot of cream or white in the fabric (Total for this quilt – 1344 squares)

(I used strip piecing of my various short pieces of shirtings and such to get the layout. I sewed three different 2½”x as ‘long as I could get it’ pieces of blues together to form a long strip and then I cut it into 2½” segments to form a strip of 3 squares. I used those strips to form the block.)

You will need 448 strip set segments if you choose to strip piece. I made a large variety so that my quilt has a lot of interesting things to look at!

How to make the blocks:

If I didn’t strip pieces, then you need to sew 3 - 2 ½” squares to each other to make a strip of 3 squares sewn together. Do that two times. Now you have two strips of 2½” squares sewn together.

Like this:

and . Press the seams in one direction. Now sew those two strips together, nesting the seams. It now looks like this:
Now add the 2½” x 6½” cream strip to one side of it so that the finished block looks like this:

Make 224 for a quilt the size I have. It is a 14x16 layout.

How to make this quilt:

1. Using this diagram, place your blocks as shown below and sew together in rows. Since there are no sashing blocks, this is a very simple quilt top to put together.
2. Using this diagram, lay the blocks out by row, turning each block as shown.

Row 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, etc:

Row 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, etc:

I made all my sets of rows and then sewed the rows together, checking after each row that the zigzag was correct.
3. Add borders:
   A. First border – cream. Cut strips 2 ½” x WOF and piece together to get long pieces. For the sides, cut 2 ½” x 96 ½”. Attach to the sides. For the top and bottom, 2 ½” x 88 ½”
   B. Second border – dark/medium scraps I used pieces that were at least 12” long or so, and sewed them together to make a long strip and then cut pieces these lengths and pinned them in place and sewed them on.
      For sides – 2½” x 100½”
      For top and bottom – 2½” x 92½”
   C. Third border – cream
      Cut borders - 4½” x 104½” for the sides, seaming as necessary and 4½” x 100½” for the top and bottom, seaming as necessary.
4. **Press well.**
5. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
6. **Quilt** as desired.

    Congratulations!
    Your quilt is finished!

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