

Pattern 701: One Pinwheel Rail Fence



Fabric Requirements:

- 1 1/4 yard Dark Rust
- 1 1/4 yard Medium Brown
- 1 1/4 yard Orange
- 1 yard Dark Cream
- 3/8 yard Gold
- 3/8 yard Dark Brown

Block Size: 8" finished (8 1/2" unfinished)

Quilt Size: 64" x 64"

Step One

From the dark rust, medium brown and orange, cut sixteen strips of each color that are 2 1/2" wide x WOF (width of fabric).

Sew three strips together (one of each color) to form strip sets as shown in Figure 1. Repeat to make sixteen strip sets.

Cut the strip sets into 8 1/2" long pieces. You should have four 6 1/2" wide x 8 1/2" long pieces from each strip and a total of 64. (Set aside the leftover pieces for another project.)



Figure 1

Step Two

From the dark cream, cut eleven strips that are 2 1/2" wide x WOF (width of fabric). Cut the strips into 6 1/2" long pieces. You should have six 2 1/2" wide x 6 1/2" long pieces from each strip and a total of 64. (Set aside the leftover pieces for another project.)

Step Three*

To make the half-square triangles that create the pinwheels, cut three 2 7/8" wide x WOF strips from each of the gold and dark brown fabrics. From each color cut 32 2 7/8" squares. On the wrong side of each gold square, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Pair each gold square with a dark brown square. Sew a scant 1/4" on either side of the drawn diagonal line. (I find it helpful to daisy chain the squares, sewing all squares on one side of the diagonal line and then flipping them around to sew on the other side of the line.)

Press towards the dark brown and trim off the dog ears. The 64 triangle squares are 2 1/2" square unfinished and will finish at 2" square.

*This is my preferred method for making half-square triangles. Feel free to use any method you like as long as it results in 2 1/2" triangle squares.

Step Four

Sew each 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" dark cream piece to a triangle square, making sure you have them aligned as shown in Figure 2.

Press towards the dark cream.

Step Five

Sew the Step Four strip to the strip sets you made in Step One. The placement of the strip should be sewn as indicated in Figure 3 below.

Press towards the orange strip. Repeat for all sixty-four blocks.



Figure 2



Figure 3

Step Six

It's time to assemble your quilt! Arrange the blocks in eight rows, eight blocks to a row, following the illustration in Figure 4.

Step Seven

Quilt as desired and bind the quilt.

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Figure 4