

## Scrappy Patriotic Rail Fence (Using the Paper Bag Quilt Method)

*Quilt Pattern*



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Change things up a bit when you use the fun paper bag quilt method to make this traditional pattern. For more information on this unique quilt making method go to [www.createwithclaudia.com](http://www.createwithclaudia.com).

#### Pattern Specifications:

Size: Approximately 53" X 64"

Number of Blocks: 30

Block Size: 11" X 11"

Quilt is made of 5 blocks across and 6 blocks down, using a scant 1/4" seam

**Fabric Requirements** – This quilt would work in any color combinations, and the scrappier, the better.

Various Red Fabrics – Scraps totaling about 1 ½ yards

Various White Fabrics – Scraps totaling about 1 ½ yards

Various Blue Fabrics – Scraps totaling about 1 ½ yards

Backing – 4 yards

#### Cutting Instructions:

From the red fabrics: Cut thirty strips – 11" X 4"

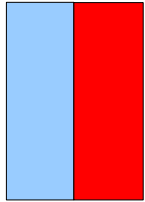
From the white fabric: Cut thirty strips – 11" X 4"

From the blue fabric: Cut thirty strips – 11" X 4"

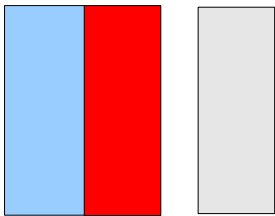
### Block Assembly:

Place all of the pressed strips into one large paper bag.

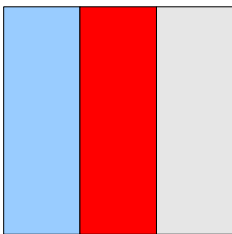
Without looking, pull out one strip, then another. These two fabrics make up your first pair.



Place one strip on top of the other, with right sides facing each other, and sew down one of the long sides. Press open.



Then, without looking, pull out another strip. This will be the third strip in your block. Place the strip on top of the pair that is already sewn, right sides together, and sew down the long side. Which side you add the third strip to is up to you.

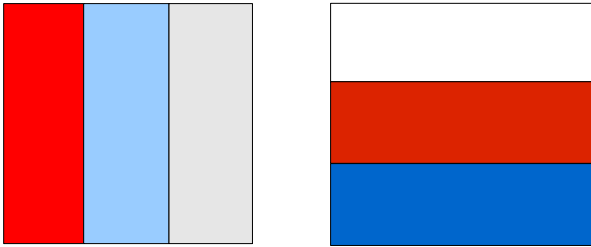


Make 30 blocks in total.

## Quilt Top Assembly:

If you want to continue using the paper bag quilt method, you can randomly pick out blocks.

**Row 1** – Sew 5 blocks together, rotating them so the strips in one block are vertical and horizontal in the next one.

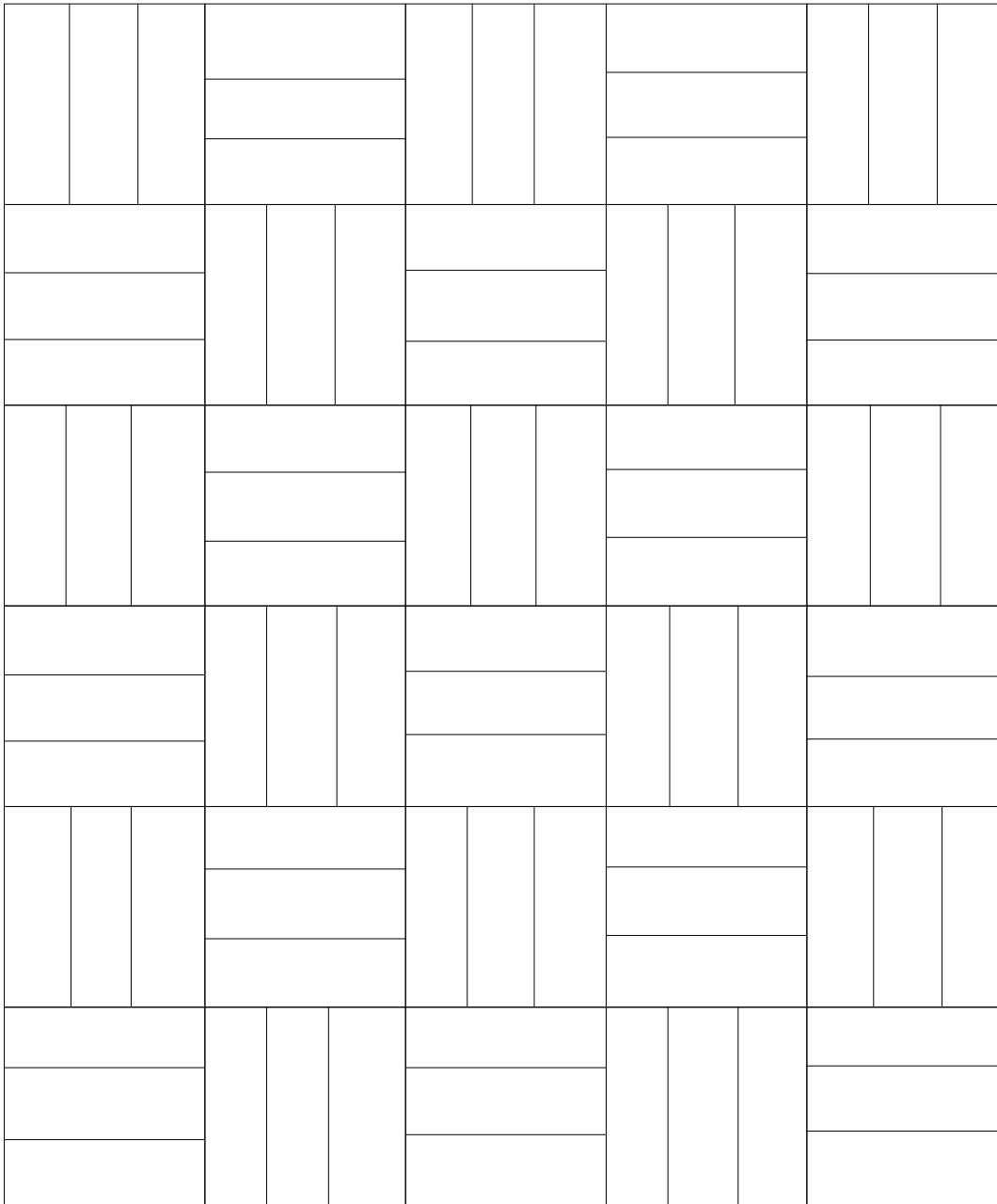


**Row 2** – Sew 5 blocks together, rotating them so the strips in one block are vertical and horizontal in the next. The first block in row 2 should go in the opposite direction to the first block in row 1.

**Repeat steps for rows 3 through 6.**

\* The fun of using the paper bag quilt method is that it is a completely random way to pick out the fabrics for your blocks. The only rule I use for this method is that I don't repeat the same fabric in one block. If I pull out one that is the same, I put it back and get another strip.

Lastly, sew rows together.



### Finishing the Quilt

1. Layer the backing with wrong side facing up, batting of your choice and the quilt top, right side facing up. Baste using your preferred method.
2. Quilt as desired.
3. Add binding.