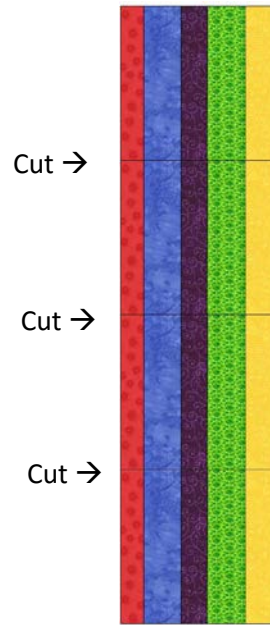
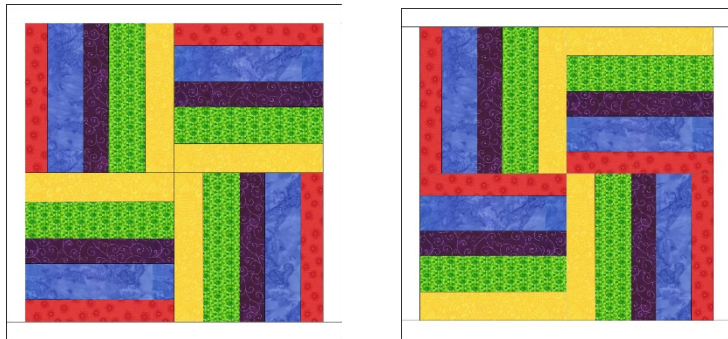
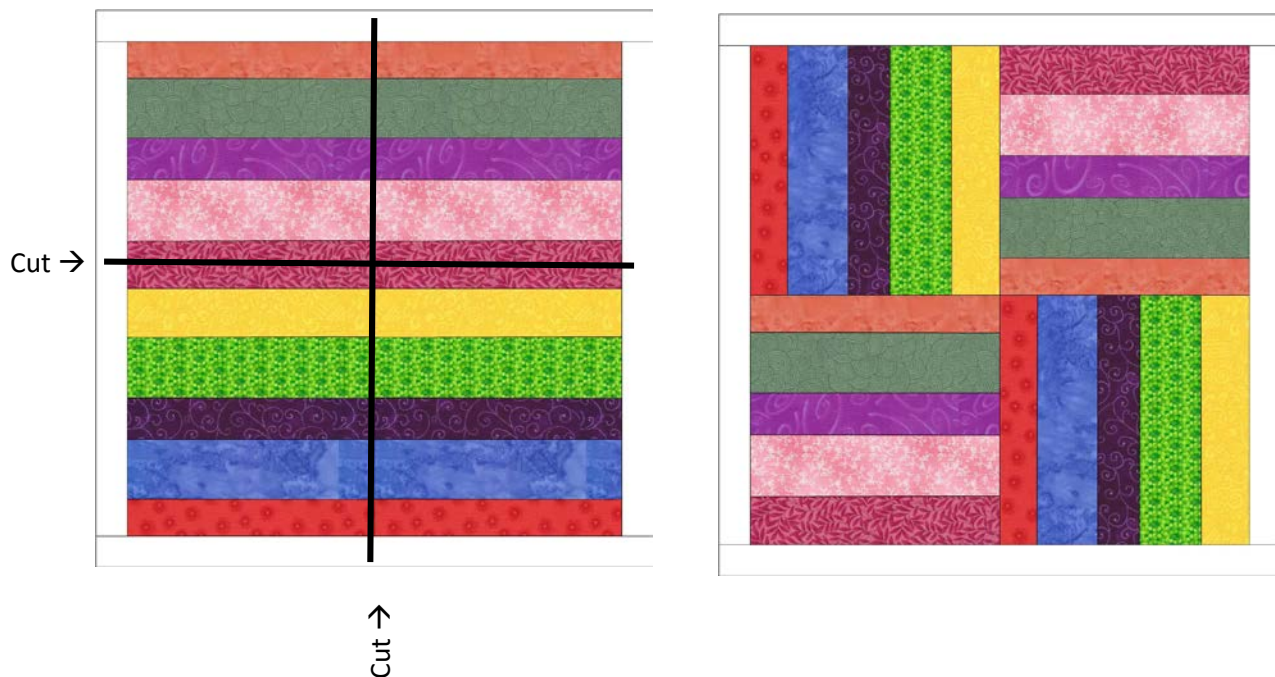


Quilters Unlimited March 2016 Block of the Month: Rail Fence

There are several ways to create this block. One way is to create a strip set measuring 8 inches wide and 32 inches long. See picture on right. You could use 5 precut 2 1/2 inch strips or a number of strips of different widths. Trim sides to 8 inch width. Cut the strip into four 8 inch pieces and sew the pieces into a square block, rotating two of the strips to make the rail fence pattern. How you rotate the pieces will determine the look of the block.



A second way to do this is to sew a 16 inch square strip set. Cut the set into 4 pieces as shown. Rotate the pieces to produce the rail fence pattern and sew them together.



Here are pictures of two samples using the different methods:

8 inch by 32 inch



16 inch by 16 inch



That was easy.

Now what if...

I use strips of random widths? You can always trim the set to the width you need if at least one outside strip is wide enough.

I don't cut straight but on an angle (a la last month)? I'll let you know how that works out!