LILAC MAZE

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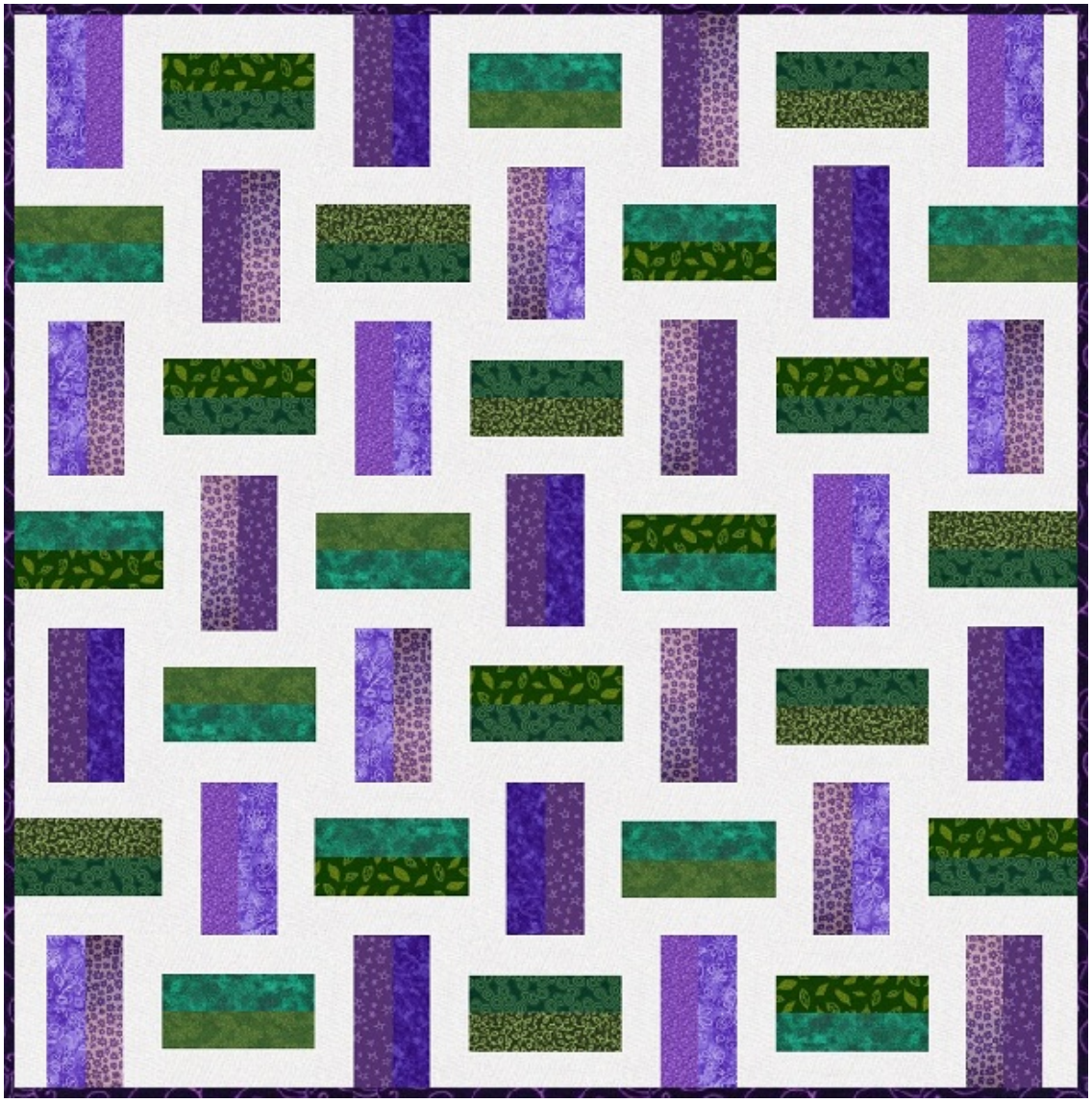


This very easy Rail Fence pattern is suitable for a brand new beginner, and **can be made in any two colors you like**! Purple and green are my personal favorites. ☺

Finished top size: 56" x 56" (throw)

You will need 26 solid white jelly roll strips, 14 strips of Color A (purple, above) and 12 strips of Color B (green, above). See all of our whites and color collections at: http://jellyrollfabric.net

DIRECTIONS

1. This quilt pattern, in order to be symmetrical, will use 25 blocks of one color, and 24 blocks of the other. Decide which color you want for each. (In the photo, the purple has 25 blocks, and green 24.) We'll call the larger group Color A, and the smaller group Color B.

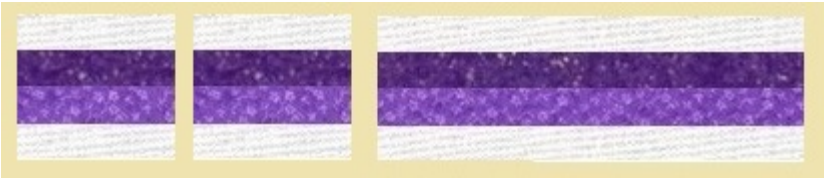
2. For Color A, choose 14 strips and pair them up into 7 groups of 2 different fabrics. (As long as you have at least 5 different fabrics, you should be able to combine pairs without repeating any of the same pair.) For Color B, choose 12 strips and pair them up into 6 groups of 2 different fabrics.

Important Note: If your jelly roll strips are <u>all</u> over 42.5" long (not including selvedge), you will be able to get away with 5 segments of Color A and 5 segments of Color B.

3. Using 2 solid white strips with each set, sew your Color A sets lengthwise into strip segments, in the order white-color-color-white. (See photo below – background is tan so you can see white strips.) You will end up with 7 strip segments of Color A. Do the same for Color B. You will end up with 6 strip segments of Color B.

Tip: Be careful to sew accurate 1/4" seams.

4. Next, using a rotary cutter (or carefully marking with a quilting crayon and cutting with scissors), trim the selvedge edge off of the end of your strip segments, and cut 8.5" square blocks. You will get at least 4 blocks from each segment. (See note above)

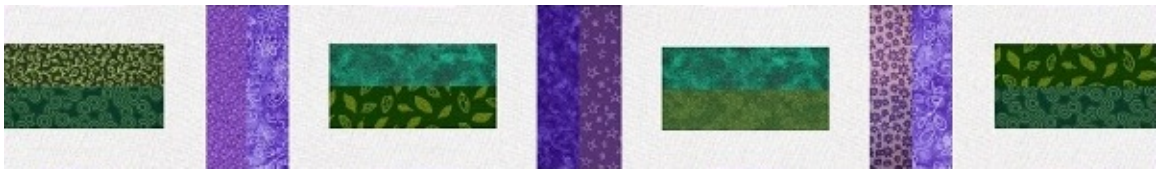


5. Arrange your blocks. You will be making 4 rows of A-B-A-B-A-B-A, alternating with 3 rows of B-A-B-A-B-A-B. This may be the most time consuming part, but take your time so that your layout is pleasing to the eye, and too many of any one fabric aren't clustered together in one area!

Color A blocks will always be positioned with the strips vertical, and Color B's strips will always be horizontal throughout the entire top.

A-B-A-B-A-B-A (make 4)

B-A-B-A-B-A-B (make 3)



Tip: Take a picture of your layout once you're satisfied so you can reference it while assembling your top!

6. Starting with the top row, sew your blocks together. As you finish each one, lay it back in place above your other blocks. Being careful here will save lots of seam ripping time later! (I always have to coach myself to be patient... every time!)

7. Sew your rows together, and your top is done!

Remember:

-When sewing seams, right sides always face each other.

-Use a 1/4" seam!

-Press fabric towards the darker color

-Take your time or you'll spend it seam-ripping! (Don't worry - we've all been there!!) And HAVE FUN!