

~Carolina Crossroads~

Part 7!



The last remaining block!

How many of you guessed this was the way these went? :c) Ok, so some things, even if predictable, turn out great! You should have 100 rail fence units, 100 9 patches with the accent in the corner, and 25 light squares set aside to make these blocks. You need 25 of them! Ready? Get set! SEW!



The trick with these is that you want to press the seams in the opposite direction that you pressed the seams in the Ohio star blocks so that they will butt up against each other when you sew them together. However in a pinch, I've been known to be a 'seam flipper' (sung to the tune of the Beatles' Day Tripper!) and if a seam is going the wrong direction, I'll just flip it and press the heck out of it. It might not be kosher for the quilt police, but it works for me in a pinch! Take a look at your Ohio star blocks, see which way your seams are going, and press these the **OPPOSITE**.

THE SETTING!!!



On Point, of course!!

This photo should help you see how to lay the quilt out. The blocks alternate...the odd rows will have the 9 9 patches and rails blocks, the even rows have the Ohio Star blocks. The pieced triangles fill in as setting triangles and corner triangles!



The finished quilt center will look like this!



Here are a couple closeups of my great recycled shirt fabrics!



When it came to borders, I was originally thinking of doing something pieced, but I decided to spare you from more 9 patch headaches! *LOL.* Sometimes simple is best. and the quilt center is already so busy.




I sewed a bunch of light 2" strips together, joining them on the diagonal for the inner border. Random lengths of 5" strips joined end to end make up the outer border! I quilted it all over with my continuous baptist fan templates, and bound it all in more random lengths of reds! I am tickled that this WHOLE TOP came from recycled shirts. What a way to go green! (Or red, white, and blue as the case may be!)

The borders are strictly up to you. You might not even want borders, and that's okay..it's your quilt!



Close-up of fan quilting!





I have so enjoyed planning this mystery for you! I hope to do more in the future! I hope you have sewed yourself through a quilt you love and can be proud of! All those pieces...AND YOU DID IT! I'd love to display pics of your completed tops and quilts here! Just email me!

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