

Picket Fence Block Tutorial



This block makes a great filler or point of interest block! Picket fences are usually white, but you can make yours a different color, if you like.

To make this block, you will need **11 strips cut 1½" x 4½"** for your pickets. You will also need **22 little squares 1½"** for the area "behind" the pickets. These could be blue for sky or green for grass or multi-colored for flowers. Just be sure that either the pickets or the "behind" fabric is a solid color to enhance the contrast. You don't want to lose the illusion of a fence after all the work! Use a scant ¼" seam throughout.

A. Stack a picket and a background square right sides together and stitch diagonally from the upper left corner of the square to the lower right.



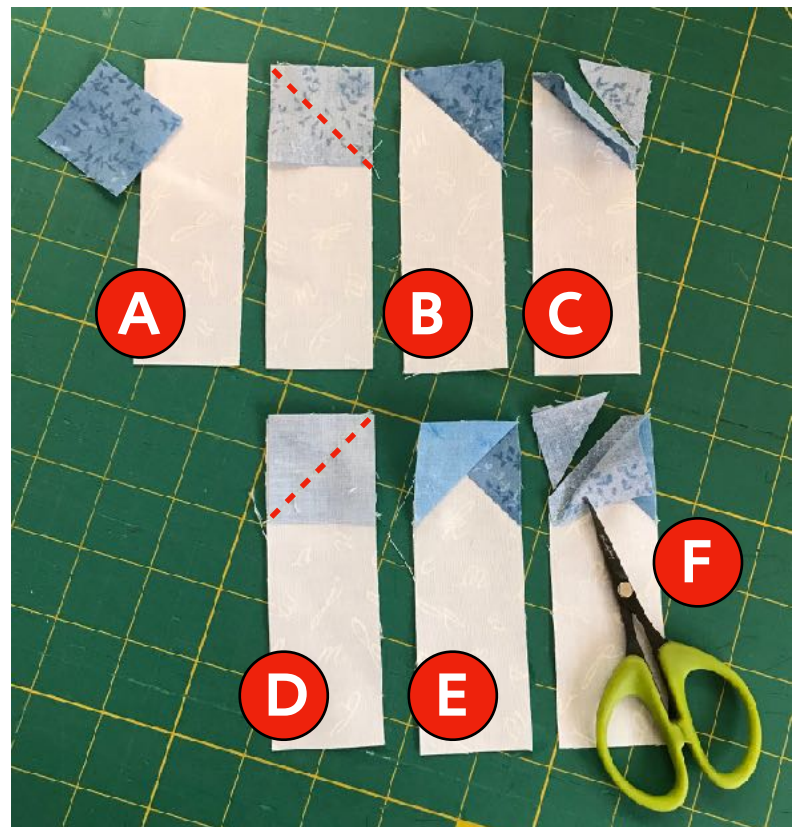
B. Fold the square up, forming a triangle, and press.

C. Trim the bottom two layers behind the triangle to cut down on the thickness of multiple fabrics.

D. Place another background square on the picket, right side down, and stitch from upper right to lower left.

E. Fold the square up, forming a triangle, and press.

F. Again, trim the bottom two layers behind the new triangle.



When all the pickets are made, sew them together in a row in form your picket fence!

Final size of the Picket Fence Block should be 1 1½" x 4½".