

# Picket Fences

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John Q. Adams of Holly Springs, North Carolina – the man behind the popular blog QuiltDad.com – designed this modern throw using fat quarters from the Chicopee collection by Denyse Schmidt for FreeSpirit Fabric. Large strips and quick-corner piecing with no matching seams mean instant quilt satisfaction. The machine quilting is by Angela Walters of Kansas City, Missouri.



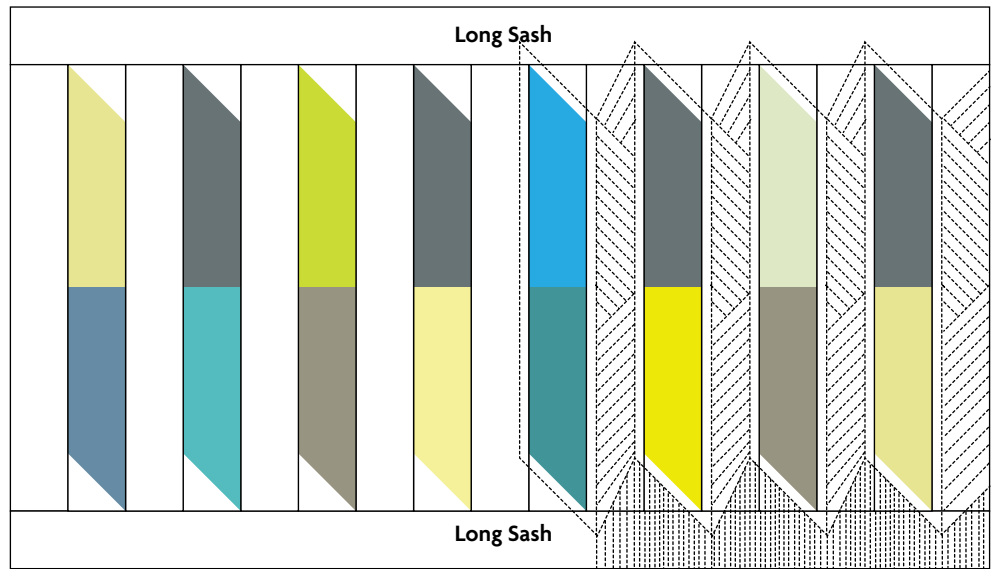
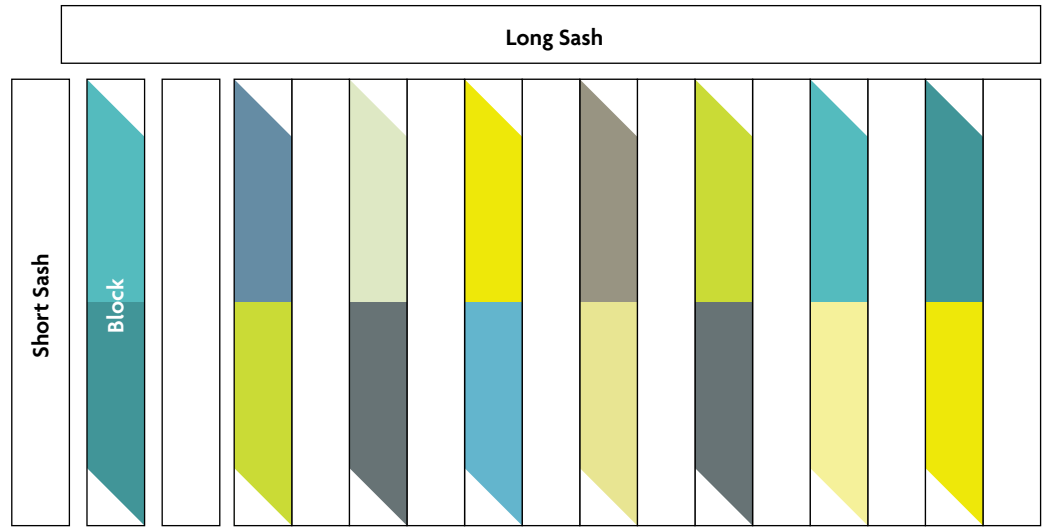
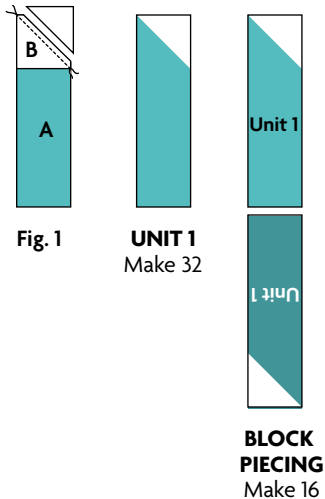
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ASSEMBLY

1 Wash, starch and press fabrics. Cut the patches listed in the materials and cutting box and shown in the rotary cutting diagrams.

2 Referring to Fig. 1, layer a B on one end of an A with right sides together. Stitch across the B from corner to corner. Trim, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance and press the B open to make a unit 1. Make 32 unit 1's. (You will have 4 leftover A's.)



QUILT ASSEMBLY & PARTIAL QUILTING PLACEMENT

Referring to the block piecing diagram, join two unit 1's to make a block. Make 16.

3 On a design wall or large, flat surface and referring to the quilt assembly diagram, arrange the blocks and sashing strips as shown. When you are satisfied with the arrangement, join the blocks and short sashing strips in rows. Join the rows alternately with the long sashing strips.

4 Mark quilting motifs as shown or as desired. Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Baste. Quilt the marked motifs or quilt as desired. Bind the quilt to finish. Q

MATERIALS AND CUTTING

Requirements are based on 40" fabric width. Sashing strips are cut lengthwise.

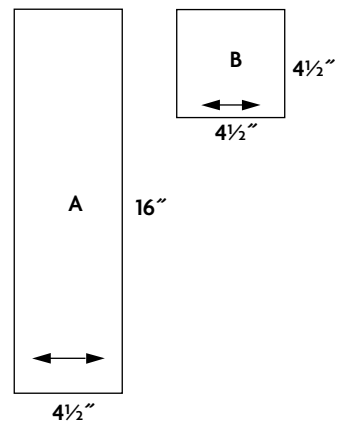
BLOCK SIZE: 4" x 31" QUILT SIZE: 68" x 74"

MATERIALS	YDS.	CUTTING
Assorted Prints	12 fat 1/4's	from each fabric: 3 A
Cream Solid	3 1/2	3 sashing strips 4 1/2" x 68 1/2", 18 sashing strips 4 1/2" x 31 1/2", 32 B
Binding	3/8	8 binding strips 2 1/4" X 40"
Backing	4 1/4	2 horizontal panels 72" x 40"
Batting		72" x 78"

TECHNIQUES USED: quick-corner piecing, machine piecing, machine quilting

ROTARY CUTTING

Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Align arrows with lengthwise or crosswise grain of fabric.



If you make a Chicopee Picket Fences quilt, Adams would love to see it! Go to his Quilt Dad is my Homeboy Flickr group at www.flickr.com/groups/quilt dad/ and add a photo of your quilt.