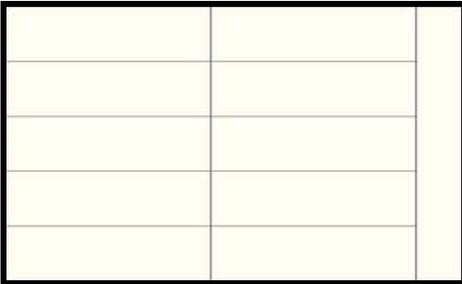


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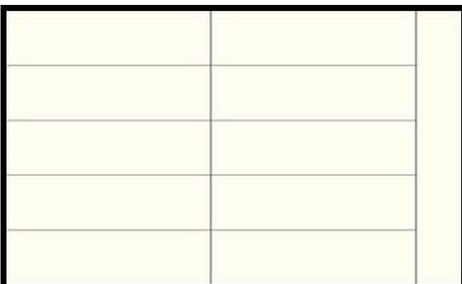
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RAIL FENCE SETTING IDEAS



Standard Rail Fence setting.
36 blocks, set 6 x 6 with
several solid borders



All blocks have White strips
in the center, set on point
with borders



Rail Fence blocks alternated
with plain blocks



All blocks are assembled in the
same order - Dark, Medium,
Light. Set in groups of 4, with
Darks forming a pinwheel.



Blocks are turned alternate
directions with sashing and
borders. (These blocks also
have accent strips between
the "rail" strips.)



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You can always add
some fun borders!