DOUBLE DIAMOND FENCE RAIL BLOCK 6" finished (6.5" UNfinished)

To make (six) 6" finished blocks:

- (1) strip 2.5" x WOF red holiday print block (or "holiday red" fabric)
- (1) strip 2.5" x WOF green holiday print block (or "holiday green" fabric)
- (1) strip 2.5" x WOF white holiday print block (white background)
- (1) strip 2.5" x WOF plain bright white fabric (solid or tone-on-tone, can have <u>soft</u> metallic accents) subcut as follows:
 - (6) 2.5" x 2.5" squares and
 - (6) 1.5" x 1.5" squares (you'll have some left over)

ADDITIONAL FABRIC GUIDANCE: The center white background strips will have the overall effect of blending with the red and green prints, but the bright white accents will pop and make the blocks seem "crisper" in color. The white squares' fabric can have soft metallic accents, but it should "read" as white.

<u>WATCH THIS VIDEO FOR THE TECHNIQUE</u> (under 9 minutes) http://quiltingtutorials.com/all/easy-fence-rail-diamond-quilt-quilting-quickly-jenny/ (Missouri Star Quilt Company – tutorials – "Diamond Fence Rail")

- 1. Sew a white strip to a red strip, and mark with chalk, a pin or other removable marking method, the short end at which you began the seam.
- 2. Sew the green strip to the other side of the white strip from the opposite direction you sewed the first seam. This keeps your strip band from bowing and curving. Press seams away from the center, as shown in the video.
- 3. Subcut the band strip into lengths of 6.5" with the red strip at the top.
- 4. Pin a 2.5" white square at the right corner of the green strip; sew and trim as shown in the video, pressing seam towards the corner. Pin a 1.5" white square on the diagonal corner opposite the larger square; sew and trim as shown in the video, pressing seam towards the corner.
- 5. Your blocks should look like this, <u>but</u> a wide variety of these blocks will keep the overall effect from being as flat, as it is in the photo on the right (which shows the double diamond effect):



One block



Eight blocks: the larger corner triangles form form a large accent diamond, and the smaller ones create smaller accent diamonds

(see next page for finished quilts)



All these work for the center strip



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Single Diamond (uses large corner triangles only)



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