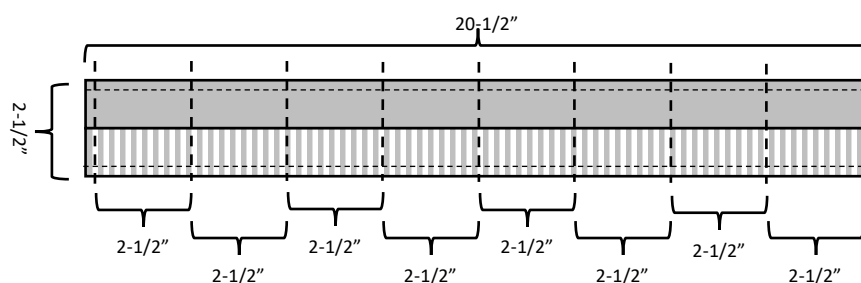# Making a Ukrainian flag block in a rail fence pattern
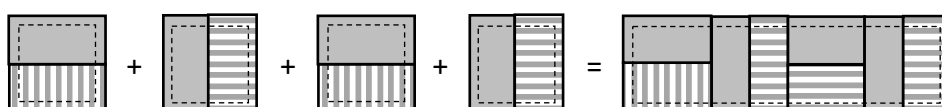## Block finishes 8-1/2" square, including seam allowances
All seams are 1/4"

Please note that these directions show how to make a flag block using two blue fabrics and two yellow fabrics. To have more variety in your flag block(s), make the 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" square units from a variety of fabrics. To make my ten flag blocks, I cut strips of blue fabric (at 1-1/2" x 20-1/2") from 20 different blue fabrics, paired them into combo strips and didn't repeat a combo in each flag block (and I did the same with long, skinny strips of 20 different yellow fabrics.)
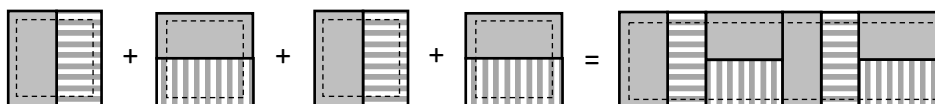
Start by cutting two strips of blue fabric at 1-1/2" x 20-1/2". Sew these strips together along the lengths of the strips. Press the seam to the dark(er) side and sub-cut this combined blue strip into eight squares each measuring 2-1/2" x 2-1/2".
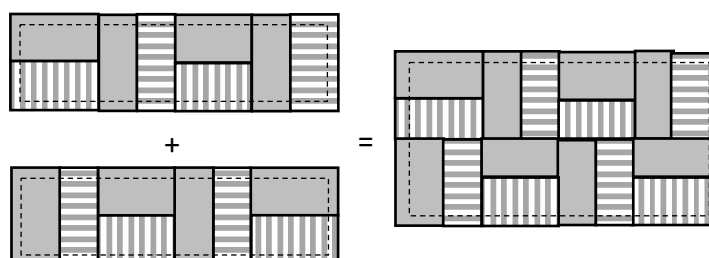

With half of these eight squares, create a new strip by sewing the squares back together, starting with a square with the seam between the two fabrics oriented horizontally and then alternating the orientation of the seam between the two pieces of fabric, as shown below.
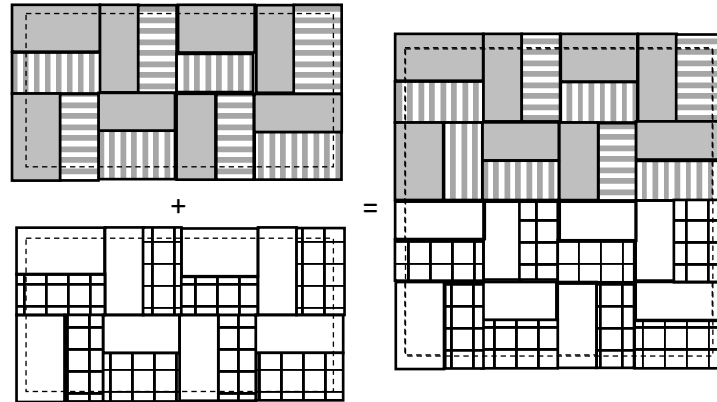

With the remaining four squares of blue fabric, make a second new strip. Again, alternate the orientation of the seams, but for this strip, start with a square oriented with its seam vertical.

Now sew the two strips together, one on top of the other as shown below.

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As you did with did with your strips of blue fabric, use strips of yellow fabric to make the lower half of the flag block in the exact same way. Once you have that lower half all in one unit, sew the yellow portion of the flag block to the lower side of the blue portion of the flag block and you're done! The measurements of the resulting block should be 8-1/2" x 8-1/2", including the seam allowances.

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