

Double Irish Chain Quilt

Quilt Pattern Created by Leah Day

Learn how to piece a scrappy Irish Chain quilt very quickly with strip piecing and two easy-to-piece quilt blocks!

Finished quilt size: 50 inches square

Materials

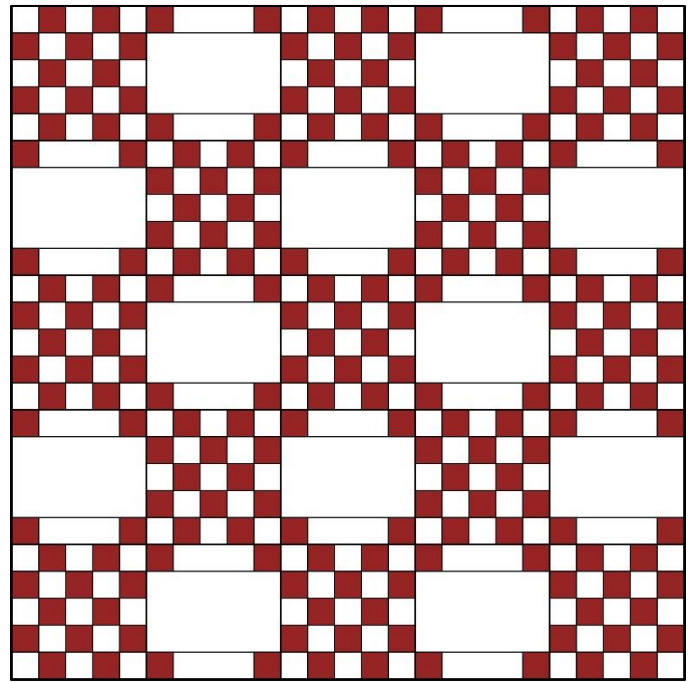
2 yards Fabric A - White Background
5 Fat Quarters (18 x 22 inch pieces) – Focal Fabrics
1/3 yard Fabric A for binding

White 100% cotton piecing thread

Note: I used five Madame Rouge fat quarters from www.FrenchGeneral.com

Fabric Preparation and Quilt Piecing Tips

For best results, prewash, starch, and press all fabrics before cutting. Remember to lower your stitch length to 1.5 mm to create a tight stitch. Unless otherwise noted, please press all seam allowances OPEN to reduce bulk and make quilting easier.



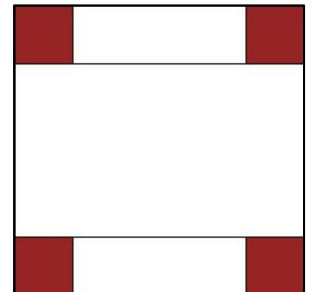
Cutting Chart

Fabric A	Cut 3 - 6 ½ x 22-inch strips Cut 12 - 6 ½ x 10 ½-inch rectangles Cut 23 - 2 ½ x 22-inch strips
Focal Fabrics	Slice all fat quarters into 2 ½ x 22-inch strips - mix up the strips randomly to create a scrappy effect in your quilt.
Fabric A Binding	Cut 6 - 2 x 40-inch strips for binding. Piece strips together with a diagonal seam, then press in half to prepare binding.

Piecing the Background Blocks

Piece two Focal Fabric 2 ½-inch strips on either side of one Fabric A 6 ½-inch strip. Repeat two more times to create total of three strip sets. Cut these strip sets into 24 - 2 ½ x 10 ½-inch pieced units.

Arrange two pieced units on both sides of one Fabric A 6 ½ x 10 ½-inch rectangle and piece together carefully. The background block should now measure 10 ½-inches square. Repeat this step 11 more times to create a total of 12 background blocks.

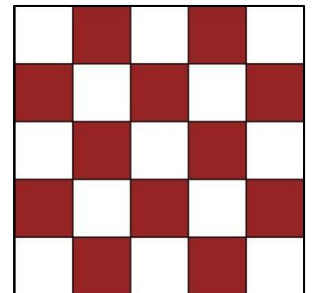


Piecing the Five Patch Blocks

Step 1 - Piece two Focal Fabric 2 ½-inch strips in between three Fabric A 2 ½-inch strips. Repeat four more times to create a total of five strip sets. Cut these strip sets into 39 - 2 ½ x 10 ½-inch pieced units.

Step 2 - Piece two Fabric A 2 ½-inch strips in between three Focal Fabric 2 ½-inch strips. Repeat three more times to create a total of four strip sets. Cut these strip sets into 26 - 2 ½ x 10 ½-inch pieced units.

Arrange three of the Step 1 pieced units with two of the Step 2 units to create a scrappy Five Patch block. Piece together carefully to match seam lines. The Five Patch block should now measure 10 ½-inches square. Repeat this step 12 more times to create a total of 13 five patch blocks.



Arranging the Quilt

Arrange the background and five patch blocks together according to the quilt diagram above. Piece the rows together in sets of five blocks, then piece the rows together, carefully matching seams to complete the Double Irish Chain quilt.