

Scrappy Irish Chain



Irish Chain pattern
with a scrappy, low
volume background
70" x 70"

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Quilt Size: 70" x 70"

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Before You Begin

- Read through the entire pattern.
- Width of fabric is abbreviated as WOF and is assumed to be 42".
- All seam allowances are 1/4".
- For this pattern, seams are pressed open. This allows maximum flexibility in block placement, as the blocks can be turned any direction without concern for the direction the seams are pressed.
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Fabric Requirements

Solid/Main	1 1/4 yard
Low Volume * (Background)	(67) 2 1/2" x WOF Strips OR (19) Fat Quarters OR (23) 1/4 yard cuts
Backing	4 1/2 yards
Binding	5/8 yard

* Non-directional prints work best

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Cutting Instructions

From the Solid/Main fabric cut:

- (16) 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Subcut into (32) 2 1/2" x 21" strips.

From the Low Volume fabric:

If using 2 1/2" strips:

- Cut into a total of (133) 2 1/2" x 21" strips.

If using Fat Quarters:

- cut each FQ into (7) 2 1/2" x 21" strips for a total of (133) 2 1/2" x 21" strips.

If using 1/4 yard cuts:

- cut each 1/4 yard cut into (3) 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Subcut into a total of (133) 2 1/2" x 21" strips.

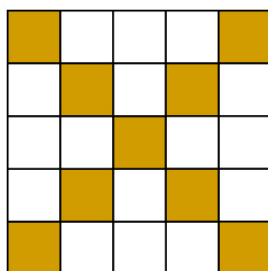
From the binding fabric:

- Cut (8) 2 1/2" x WOF strips.

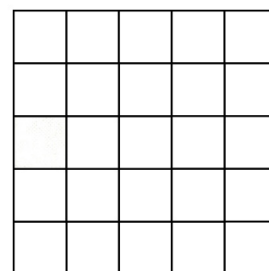
Assemble the Blocks

The Scrappy Irish Chain Quilt is made by strip piecing the 2 1/2" x 21" fabric pieces to create two blocks: Block A and Block B.

Block A



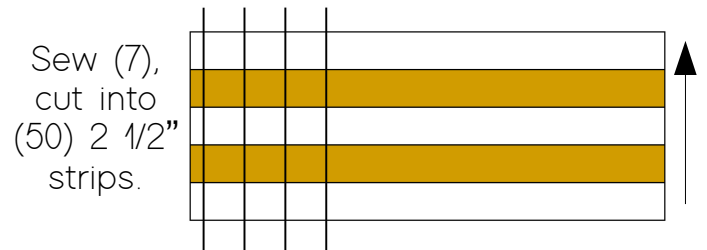
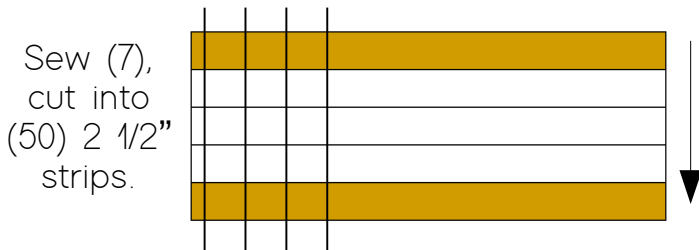
Block B



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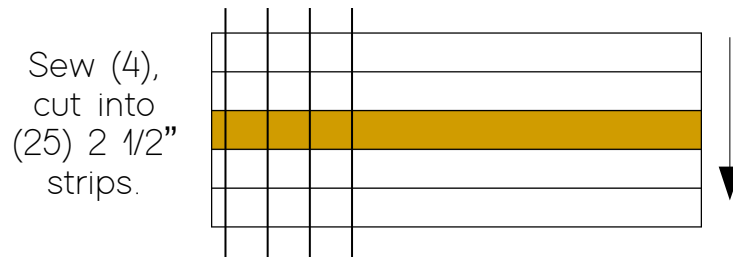
Assemble Block A

1. Arrange (3) Low Volume $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21''$ strips in between (2) Solid/Main $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21''$ strips as shown below, left. Sew the long ends together to create a strip $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21''$. Similarly, sew together (3) Low Volume strips and (2) Solid/Main strips in an alternating pattern as shown below, right. Repeat to make a total of (7) of each unit.

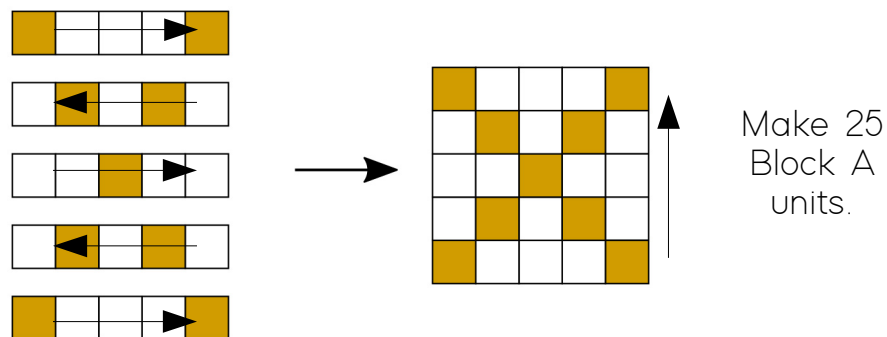


2. Trim one end of the units to square up the edge, then cut into $2\frac{1}{2}''$ increments to make a total of (50) $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ strips of each pattern.

3. Likewise, sew together (4) Low Volume $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21''$ strips and (1) Solid/Main $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21''$ strip as shown below. Repeat to make a total of (4) of this unit. Trim off the edge and cut into $2\frac{1}{2}''$ increments to make a total of (25) $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ strips.



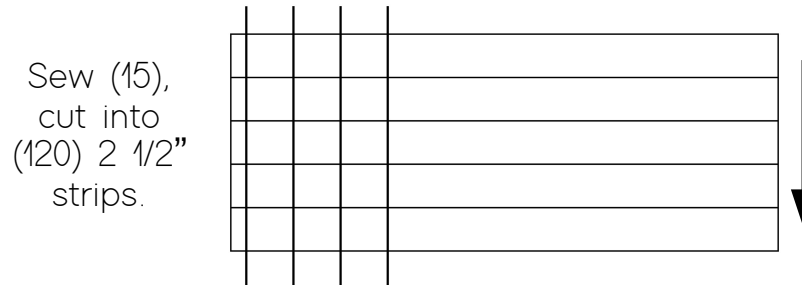
4. Arrange the $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ strips cut in steps 1-3 as shown below in the figure, with the seams pressed as arrows direct (if needed, seams can be re-pressed in desired direction). Sew the strips together to create a $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ Block A. Press seams up. Repeat to make a total of (25) Block A units.



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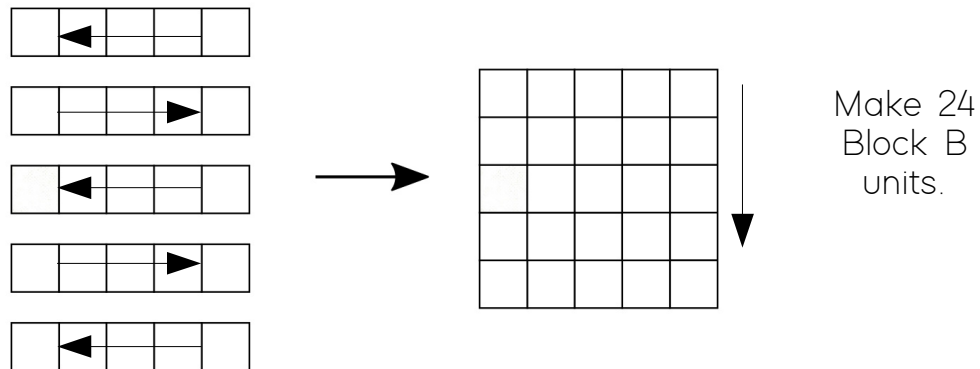
Assemble Block B

5. Arrange (5) Low Volume $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21''$ strips as shown below and sew the long sides together to create a $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21''$ unit. Press seams down. Repeat to make a total of (15) Low Volume $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21''$ units.



6. Trim one end of the Low Volume $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21''$ units to square up the edge and cut into $2\frac{1}{2}''$ increments to make a total of (120) $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ strips.

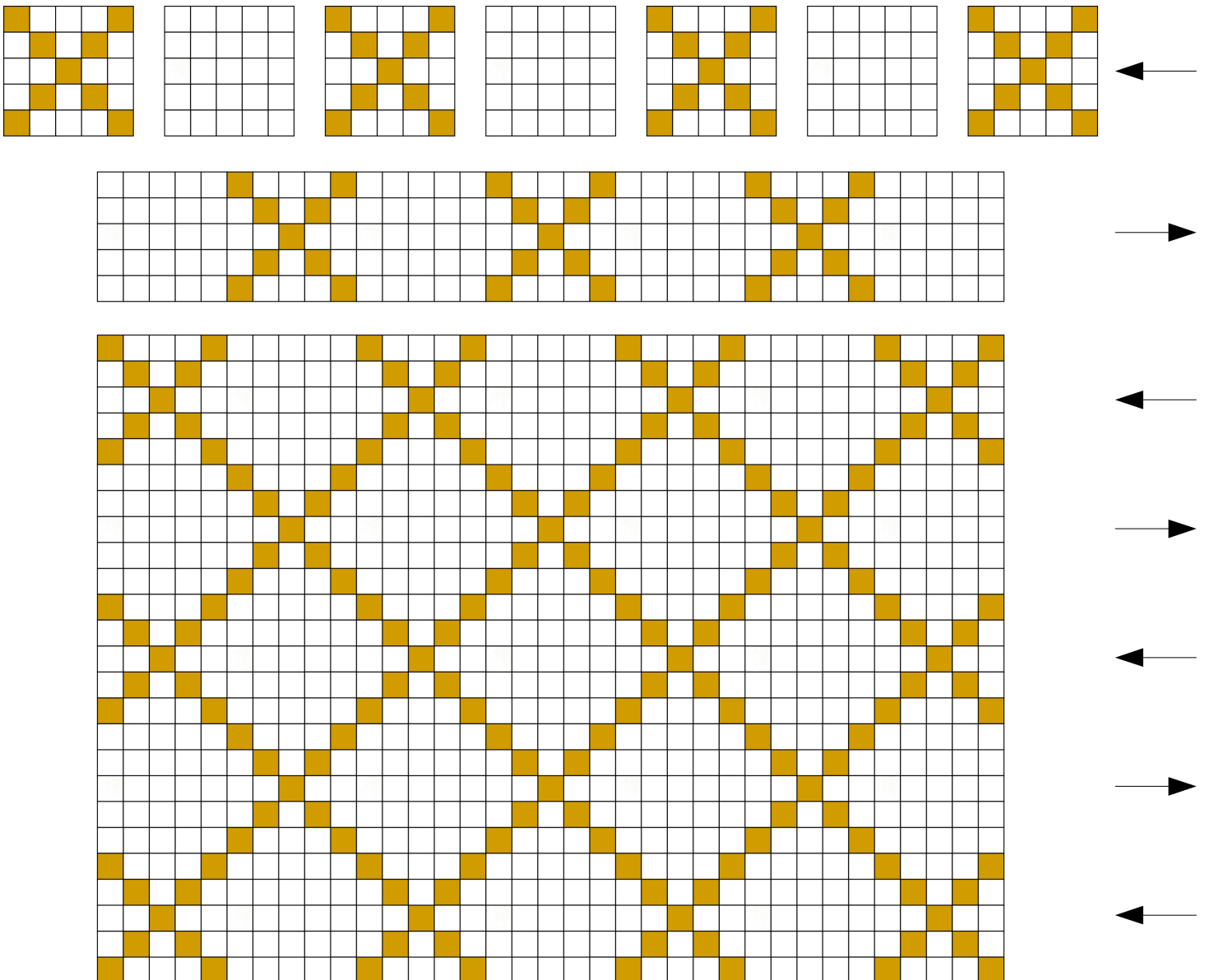
7. Arrange (5) of the $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ Low Volume strips as shown in the figure below, with the pressed seams oriented as the arrows direct. Sew the strips together to create a $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$ Block B. Press seams down. Repeat to make a total of (24) Block B units.



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Assemble the Quilt

8. Arrange the A and B Blocks in an alternating pattern of five rows with five blocks each. Sew the blocks together into rows. Press seams in alternating directions. Sew the rows together and press the seams in one direction.



9. Baste, quilt, and bind as desired.