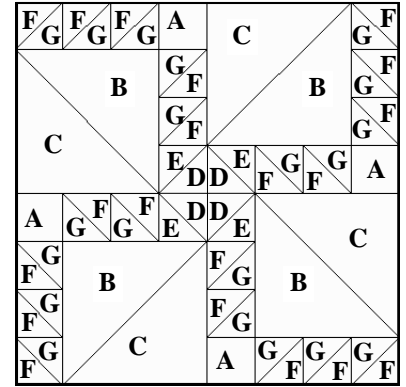
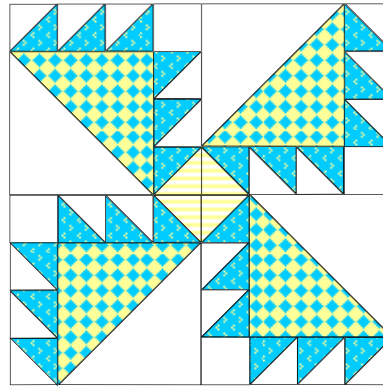


# Irish Puzzle

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Use this in a **Block By Block** quilt or anywhere you need a 12" (12½" with seam allowances) block.



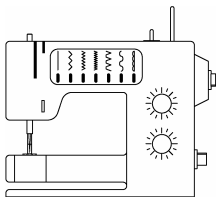
All instructions include ¼" seam allowances.



## Rotary Cut

- From the fabric for A, cut 4 squares 2" x 2".
- From the fabric for B, cut 1 rectangle, 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>".
- From the fabric for C, cut 1 rectangle, 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>".
- From the fabric for D, cut 1 rectangle, 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>".
- From the fabric for E, cut 1 rectangle, 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>".
- From the fabric for F, cut 10 squares, 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>".
- From the fabric for G, cut 10 squares, 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>".

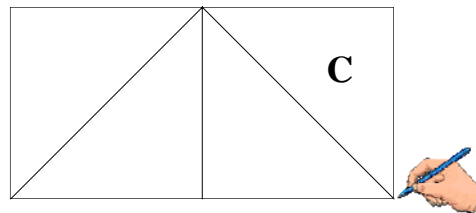
As you work, trim any tips of fabric that extend beyond the sewn units for flatter, neater, quilt



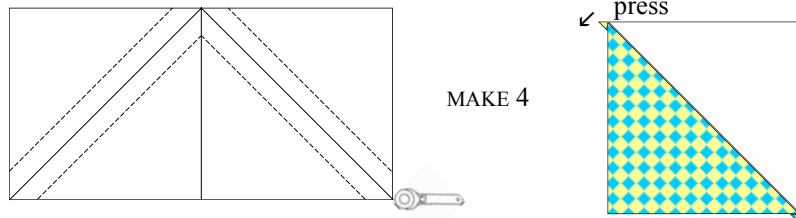
## Machine piece

Check out <http://quiltdoctor.blogspot.com/> for more free patterns

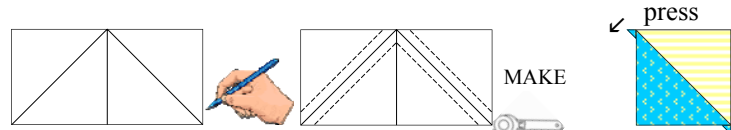
1. Draw a grid on the wrong side of rectangle C. The grid will have 2 squares, 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". Draw 1 diagonal line on each square.



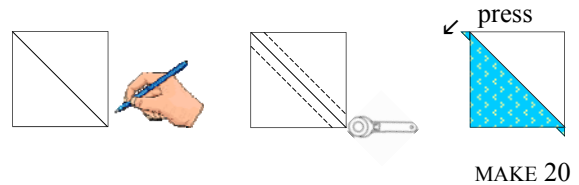
2. With right sides facing, stitch rectangles B and C together on each side of the diagonal lines. Cut the units apart and press toward the C's to make 4 squares that measure 5" x 5".



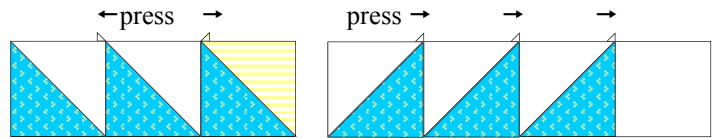
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 with rectangles D and E. The squares on the grid measure 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". The 4 finished squares measure 2" x 2". Press toward the E's.



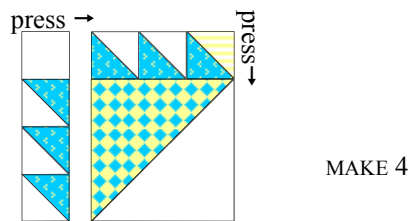
4. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square F. With right sides together, stitch the squares F to the squares G on both sides of the drawn diagonal lines. Cut apart on the diagonal lines, press toward the G's to make 20 squares that measure 2" x 2".



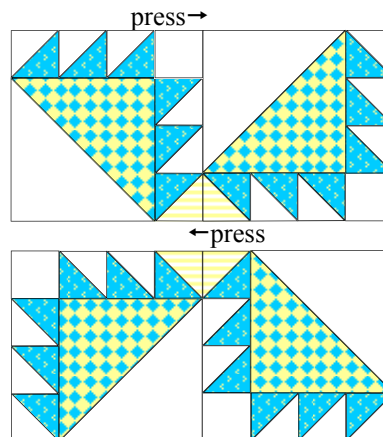
5. Stitch the squares from steps 3 and 4 and the squares A to make 4 strips of each arrangement. Press according the diagram.



6. Stitch the strips from step 5 to the squares made in step 1. Press according to the diagram to make 4 squares, 6½" x 6½".

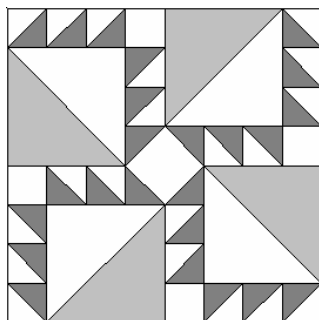


7. Match up edges and seams and sew the 4 squares together into 2 rows of 2 blocks each. Press the seams in opposite directions. Sew the final seam and press in either direction. Congratulations your block is now complete and should measure 12½" x 12½".

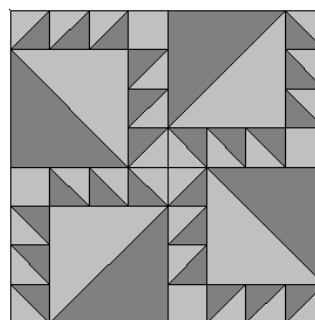


## History of the Irish Puzzle block.

I found two versions of this block and each version was published under many different names by the same source. Ruth Finley gave it 13 names in 1929 and The Kansas City Star published it 5 times in 1931 under 5 of the names published by Finley.



*Climbing Rose, Flying Dutchman, Forest Path, Indian Trail, North Wind, Old Maid's Ramble, Prickly Pear, Rambling Road, Rambling Rose, Storm at Sea, Tangle Tares, Weather Vane, Winding Walk*; Ruth Finley, Old Patchwork Quilts and the Women Who Made Them, 1929.



*Bear's Paw, Ladies Art Company, 1895  
Forest Path, Indian Trail, Irish Puzzle, North Wind, Rambling Road*; Kansas City Star, 1931

*Indian Trails*, Hall and Kretsinger, The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt in America, 1935.

*Irish Puzzle*, Ladies Art Company, 1895.

*Irish Puzzle, Blue and White*, Hall and Kretsinger, The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt in America, 1935.

Refer to Barbara Brackman's *Encyclopedia of Pieced Patterns* and *Electric Quilt 5* and *Block Base*, computer software to research quilt blocks.

You can purchase the *Electric Quilt* and *Block Base* at, <http://www.electricquilt.com/> and

Barbara Brackman's *Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns* at [http://www.americanquiltercatalog.com/spring\\_2008/lg\\_display.cfm?page\\_number=20](http://www.americanquiltercatalog.com/spring_2008/lg_display.cfm?page_number=20).