

## MARCH BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### Single Irish Chain

Most patterns for the Irish Chain use a much larger block but with Spring & St. Patrick's Day in March I couldn't resist the block and the colors! Don't let the size of the squares stop you from doing this charming block.

You will need the following fabrics:

- 1) White or white on white  
(Background)
- 2) Medium green
- 3) White print with green



#### Cutting:

White fabric = 4 – 3½" squares

All three fabrics = 1 – 1½" wide strip 13" long, cut into 2 – 6½" lengths

Print fabric = 1 – 1½" wide strips 20" long;

cut into 2 – 8" strips, 2 – 1½" squares (center block)

Green fabric = 1 – 1½" Strips - 15" long;

cut into 1 – 8" strip, 4 - 1½" squares (center block)

#### Assembly:

1. Sew a 1½" strip of white to long side of print strip and then add the 1½" strip of green. Press one strip set towards the green and press the second strip set towards the white.
2. Cross cut into a total of 8 - 1½" units.
3. Sew the 8" strip of print to long sides of green and then add the other 1½" print strip.
4. Cross cut into 5 - 1½" units.
5. Layout according to the diagram.
6. Assemble the 5 nine patch squares.
7. Join squares for each row pressing seam allowances in one direction, alternating each row and then join the rows and press.

Trim to 9½" square (includes seam allowances).

#### Alternate square:

1 – 7½" X 9½" white rectangle

4 – 1½" squares of green

2 – 1½" X 7½" white rectangles

Sew the green squares to the end of each 1½" X 7½" rectangle pressing seam allowances in one direction, alternating each row and then join the rows and press.

Trim to 9½" square (includes seam allowances).