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DOUBLE IRISH CHAIN



This block is easy in that it consists of only squares and rectangles, but harder in that you can not piece it line by line. Start by cutting 4 rectangles of **white** at $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, then cut 4 rectangles at $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and another 4 rectangles at $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, these are for your outer part of the block. Set them aside for now. Next cut 20 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares of **white**. Now you need to cut 36 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares of older **small print florals**, use as many different ones as you can find. Lastly cut 5 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares from a **pastel solid** that works with your floral squares. Now take a look at the picture and you can see that the $7\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips are on the outside all the way around, next in are the $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips and then the next in is the $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips. In the center are **25 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares**. This is what you want to complete first. The layout is as follows; **W**=White, **F**=Floral, **P**=Pastel; the first row is: **W F W F W**, row 2 is **F P F P F**, row 3 is **W F P F W**, row 4 is **F P F P F**, and row 5 is **W F W F W**. I press open because it's easy to see when matching seams as I usually pin right in the seam, also the color squares don't show through the white squares then either, but I use the ultra fine pins which also unfortunately bend very easily. However, most machines will easily sew over them! Now that you've sewn your five row strips together combine and sew the rows together to make the center 25 piece square part of the block.

Now we work on the outer portion of the block working left and right sides and then top and bottom. Start with a $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip and attach a **Floral** square to each end, then attach that to the left side of the center square we just finished above. Repeat for the right side. For the top you will attach a white square and floral square to each end of another $3\frac{1}{2}$ strip in the following order; **W F strip F W**, note that the florals are on each end of the strips and White squares are on the outside. These are attached to the top and bottom of the center square. You repeat for the same process for the next row around using the $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips in the center, and lastly using the $7\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips. Your unfinished block size is $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches.