Simple Irish Chain

90”x90”

To make the quilt pictured:

**You need:**

- 2 ¾ yards of pink.
- 5 3/4 yards of white
Note: This quilt is made up of 1 block plus a plain square.

The block you make is called a 9 patch block and looks like this:

Cut:

For your 9 patch blocks:

Cut 2.5” strips of your pink and white.

- From hot pink:
  38 strips – 2.5”xWOF (width of fabric)

- From white:
  31 strips – 2.5”xWOF

Strip set 1:
Sew 2 pink strips to a white strip.
(For this size quilt, make 15 strip sets using a 40” length – each set results in 16 segments)

Press towards the pink.
Cut off 2.5” segments:

Resulting segment:

You need 226 such segments for this size quilt.
Strip set 2:

Sew two 2.5” white strips to a 2.5” pink strip
(For this size quilt, make 8 strip sets using a 40” length calculation.)

Cut off 2.5” segments like this:

Segment looks like this:

You need 113 segments for this size quilt.

For your alternating block:
From white:
• Cut 112 6.5” squares from white

Construct blocks:

For the 9 patch, using previously cut off segments as described above, construct your 9 patch blocks.

They will be 6.5” at this point.
Make 113 9 patch blocks.
How to put together this quilt:

1. Make blocks as described above.
2. Using this diagram, place your 9 patch blocks with every other plain block.

3. Sew your top together in rows.
4. Press well.
5. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
6. Quilt as desired. I did straight line quilting following the edges of the blocks.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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Note when laying out an Irish chain quilt, start and end with a chain block for the best effect. This means, your layout needs to use “odd number” increments – 3x3, 3x5, 5x7, 7x9, 9x9, etc. This will “finish off the chain and look the nicest.