

Illinois Roads Quilt, Child

This kit includes 6 strips each of fabrics A and B, 18 squares of theme fabric C, 4 strips for border A and 4 strips for border B.

Fabric A – $\frac{5}{8}$ yard

Fabric B – $\frac{3}{4}$ yard

Fabric C – $\frac{5}{8}$ yard theme fabric

Backing – 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards

Batting – 41" x 53"

Fabric A – cut four 2" wide strips for border A.

Fabric B – cut four 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips for border B.

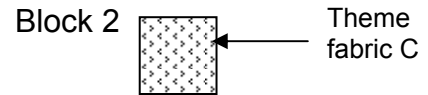
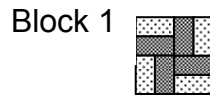
Fabrics A and B – cut six 2" wide strips each for Block 1.

Fabric C – cut 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips, then cut into 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for Block 2.

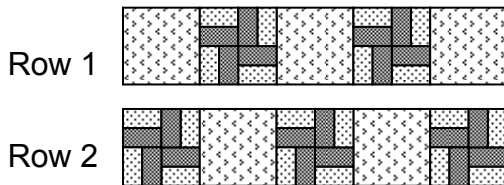
Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance throughout, sew fabric strips A to fabric strips B. Press the seams. Cut these two-color strips into units that are 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



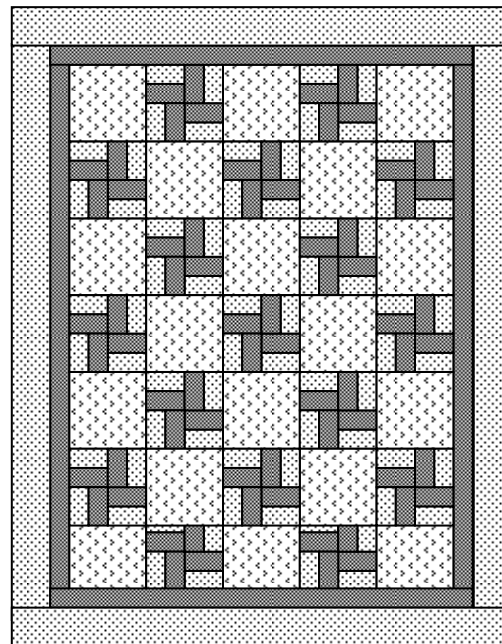
Sew 4 of these square units into larger units as shown at right to form Block 1.



Using the squares of theme fabric C as Block 2, sew rows of 5 blocks, alternating Blocks 1 and 2. Make four of Row 1 and three of Row 2.



Sew rows together alternating Row 1 and Row 2 to form the rectangular center of the quilt. Sew Border A strips to the longer sides of the rectangle, then the shorter sides. Repeat with Border B strips to form the quilt as shown.



Finished size is approximately 39" x 51"

This blanket can be finished using the traditional method, which uses a binding, or the 'envelope' method, which uses no binding. Quilt or tie at least every 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches. Quilting in the ditch looks nice and reinforces the blanket. Quilting $\frac{1}{2}$ " around the outside edges gives a more finished look when using the 'envelope' method.