

# Mackinac Island Bike Path

a.k.a. Surrounded by Monkeys

The finished size of the quilt is 77" x 93", a full size.

The colors below refer to the colors I used.

Obviously, you may choose other colors.

## Fabric Requirements

<b>Background</b>	4 yards
<b>Rust</b>	¾ yard
<b>Red Violet</b>	1 yard
<b>Dark Green</b> (includes narrow accent border)	1½ yards
<b>Border</b>	2½ yards
<b>Binding</b>	1 yard
<b>Backing</b> (smaller amount if fabric is at least 42" wide)	7¼ (5¾) yards

## Other Supplies

### *Sewing Machine*

### *Thread to Blend*

**Rotary Cutter, Mat, & Basic Rulers** – Bring a mat that is 12" x 18" or larger. Bring a large ruler, a 12½" or 15" square (preferred) or a wide long ruler like an 8½" x 24" or 6" x 24". Bring an Omnigrid 96, 96L, or other half-square triangle tool if you have one.



Please cut all the pieces prior to class.

Strip-piecing directions are included. You may want to do the strip-piecing prior to class, too.

### Cutting

Strips are cut across the width of your fabric, making them approximately 40" long with selvages on each of the short ends.

### **Background**

Cut two strips 10½" wide.

Cut these strips into fourteen 3½" x 10½" rectangles.

Cut two strips 6½" wide.

Cut four strips 4½" wide.

Cut two strips 3¼" wide.

Cut these strips into twenty 3¼" squares.

Cut thirty strips 2½" wide.

Reserve eight strips for the inner border.

Reserve six strips for strip-piecing.

Use sixteen strips to cut forty-eight 2½" x 6½" rectangles and 128 squares (2½").

### **Rust**

Cut two strips 3½" wide.

Cut three strips 2⅞" wide.

Cut these strips into forty 2⅞" squares.

Cut each of the forty squares once, diagonally, to make half-square triangles. Yield: 80 triangles



Cut two strips 2" wide.

### **Red Violet**

Cut one strip 3½" wide.

Cut six strips 2½" wide.

Cut these strips into ninety-six 2½" squares.

Cut four strips 2" wide.

### **Dark Green**

Cut two strips 3¼" wide.

Cut these strips into twenty 3¼" squares.

Cut twelve strips 2½" wide.

Reserve ten strips for strip-piecing.

Use two strips to cut twenty 2½" squares.

Cut ten strips 1" wide.

Reserve these strips for the narrow accent border.

### Seam Allowances

The success of your quilt depends upon precise  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. If you have not checked your seam allowances in the past, do so before beginning.

TEST: Cut four rectangles that measure  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew them together along the long edges. Press the seam allowances to one side. The finished piece should measure exactly  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square. If it does not, adjust your seam allowance and repeat the test.



### Strip-Piecing the Panels

Use two  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of background and one  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of dark green to make an A panel. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows.

Measure your panel after it has been pressed. The panel should measure  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " wide as indicated at the right end of the illustration. If yours does not, adjust your seam allowances and restitch.

Repeat to make a second A panel (fig. 1).

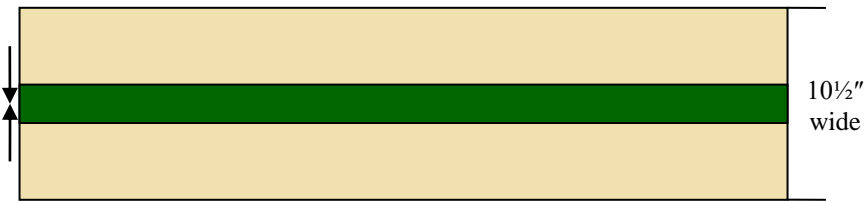


fig. 1 – A – make 2

Use three  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of background and two  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of dark green to make a B panel. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows.

Repeat to make a second B panel (fig. 2).

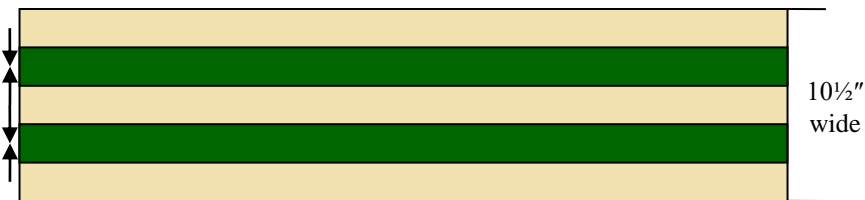


fig. 2 – B – make 2

Use one  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of background and two  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of dark green to make a C panel (fig. 3, next column). Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows. Repeat to make a second C panel.

### Strip-Piecing the Panels, continued

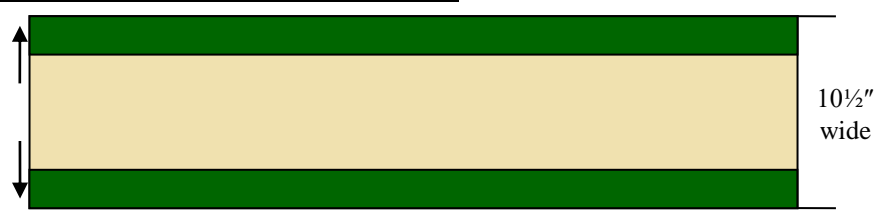


fig. 3 – C – make 2

Use one  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of rust and two 2" strips of red violet to make a D panel. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows. Repeat to make a second D panel (fig. 4).



fig. 4 – D – make 2

Use two 2" strips of rust and one  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of red violet to make an E panel. Press the seam allowances as shown by the arrows (fig. 5).



fig. 5 – E – make 1