

THE GRAND QUILT GUILD

ROW BY ROW PROJECT 2024 - 2025

BLOCK # 5 February 12, 2025 Due March 12, 2025

DRUNKARDS PATH



Technally we are only going to make a portion of this block. Sewing with curves may seem intimidating but with a little practice is easier than it looks.

One of the theories surrounding this block stems from the American Prohibition. Women, not having the right to vote, showed their support by creating quilts using this pattern and then using them as flags or banners of support.

Instructions are for 1 (one) block, or one quarter of the larger block.

MATERIALS:

Two Templates (provided)

Two fabrics 1 light and 1 dark (or medium)

9 straight pins (yes this is important)

This is 6 ½ inch (unfinished) block'

:Step 1 Print off the Drunkards Path templates on card stock or once cut out trace onto thin cardboard (like a cereal box) **Make sure to set the printer at “Actual” or 100%**

Step #2 Using one set of templates, cut out one piece of fabric using Part A, and a contrasting piece of fabric using Part B.

Fold each piece in half once and press to make a crease to mark the centre of each curve.



Step #3

With the Part B fabric right side up, lay the Part A piece on top, right side down. Match the centres and each end and pin in place. (3 pins)



- It's important to ensure the end fabrics match up evenly
- When sewing it's fairly common to lose focus as you come near the end as you are thinking about the next seam
- The ends need to be even or else if you were stitching this block to another the end seams could be uneven



Step #4

now find the centre between the pins and pin in place (5 pins)

- Now find the centre between the pins and place more pins on the other side
- You should have a total of 9 (nine) pins



- I know it sounds odd, but all of the tutorials I read for this block stipulate that the number of pins used should be 9 (nine) and it works!!!
- You will notice on the templates “registration marks” which if you transfer to your fabric indicate the position for placing the pins

Step #5 Sew along the curved edge of the pinned pair, using a ¼ in seam allowance.

Use your stylet or the sharp end of the seam ripper to help keep the fabric in place.

Go slowly, pivoting with the needle down to make a smooth curve. Press the seam to one side to complete one block



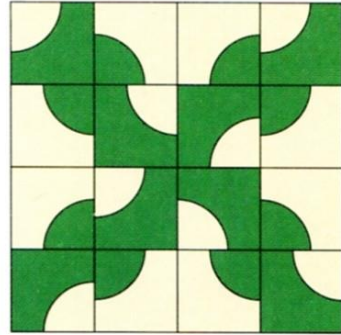
❖ If you were to join these blocks the end seam should match

When you have made 2 or three and feel comfortable, print off a new template at 50% size and make a few 3 (three) inch blocks

❖ Any issues please email me at davidsonmary@rogers.com

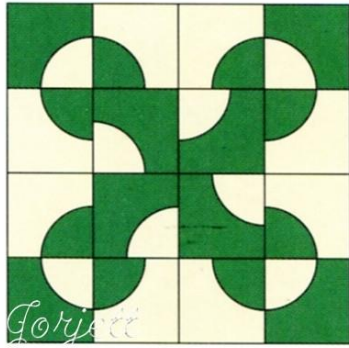
- ❖ Next sew day for this block will be at my house 2 Burnett Court Fergus (just around the corner from Freshco) Saturday February 16, 0900 – 1200
- ❖ Send your complete block picture to Sara Tremblay at sara@tremblaytranslations.com

POTENTIAL DRUNKARD PATH LAYOUTS

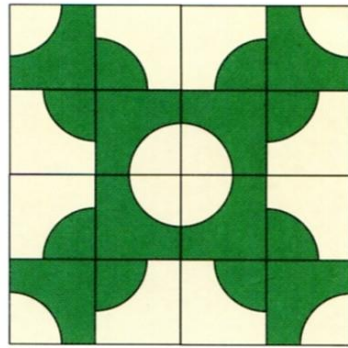


Drunkard's Path Block

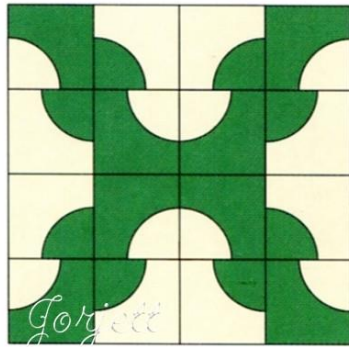
Block Variations



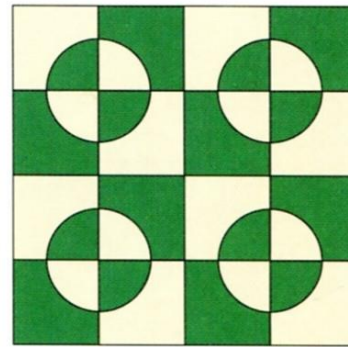
Fool's Puzzle Block



Around the World Block



Falling Timber Block



Snowball Block