

Drunkard's Path

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This is a wonderfully simple idea for a block but it provides some varied and interesting quilt designs.

The basic block can be repeated and rotated in several ways to make very different patterns. This varied arrangement gives it many names, including *Old Maid's Puzzle* and *Solomon's Puzzle*.

This example was made with two fabrics: Fabric 1 - Light Blue. / Fabric 2 - Dark Blue.

Assembly Instructions

To make this block we must divide it into 16 small squares. Each small square is the same except for the fabric.

The only difficult part is rotating the squares to get the correct shape. Keep referring to the above image to get this correct.

Refer to instructions on how to sew a curved seam at this point as all 16 small squares include a curved seam. See page 4.

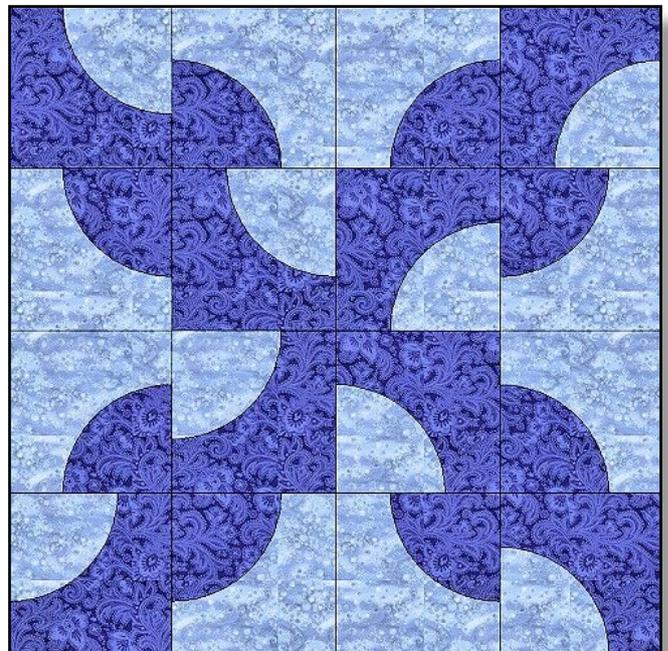
1. Join one of Template A in Fabric 1 to one of Template B in Fabric 2. Do this 8 times. Called square A.
2. Join one of Template A in Fabric 2 to one of Template B in Fabric 1. Do this 8 times. Called square B.

Cutting Instructions

Cut out the two templates:

Fabric 1 - Cut 8 of Template A.
Cut 8 of Template B.

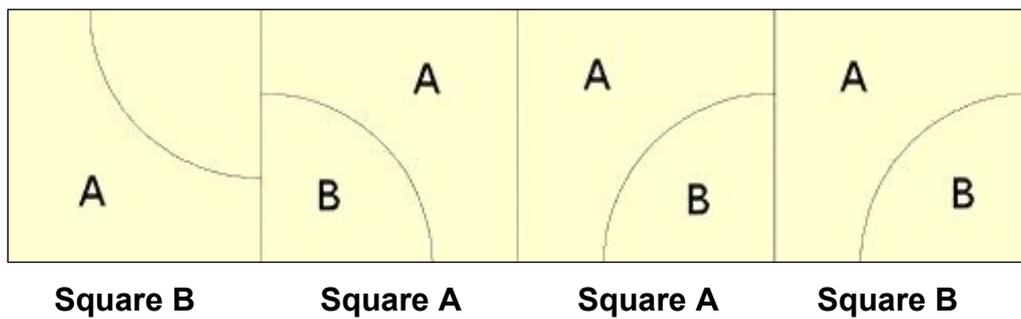
Fabric 2 - Cut 8 of template A.
Cut 8 of template B.



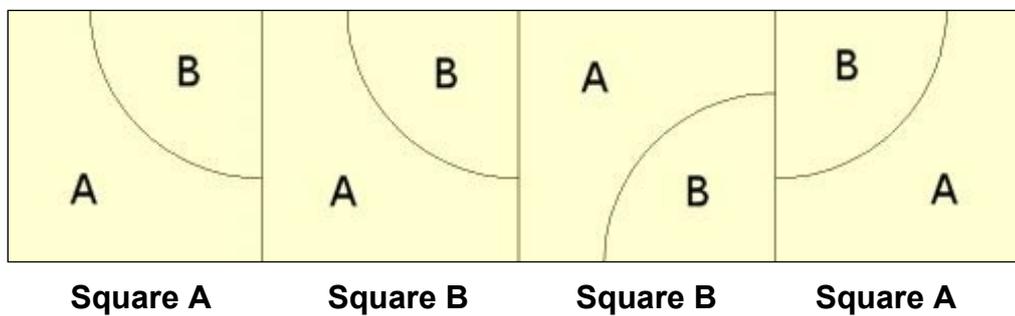
You should now have 16 small squares.

To make the block we will start by joining 4 in a row as shown below.

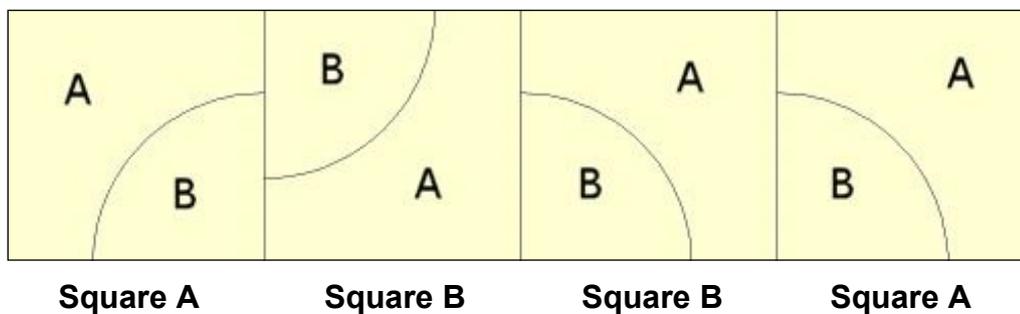
- Take 2 of square A and 2 of square B and join together.
At this point be very careful to rotate the squares correctly.



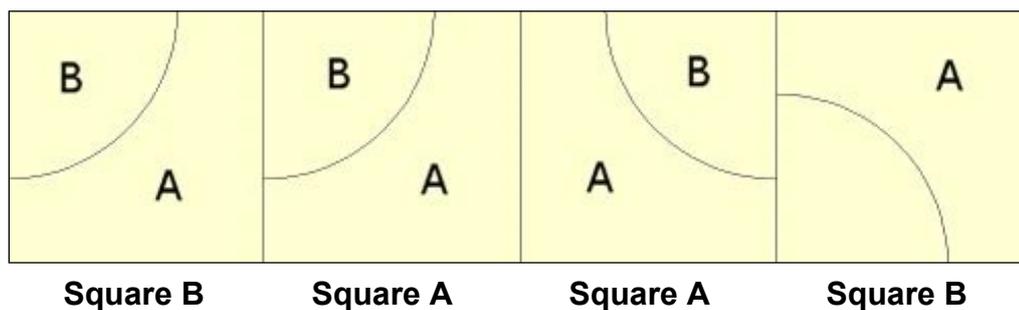
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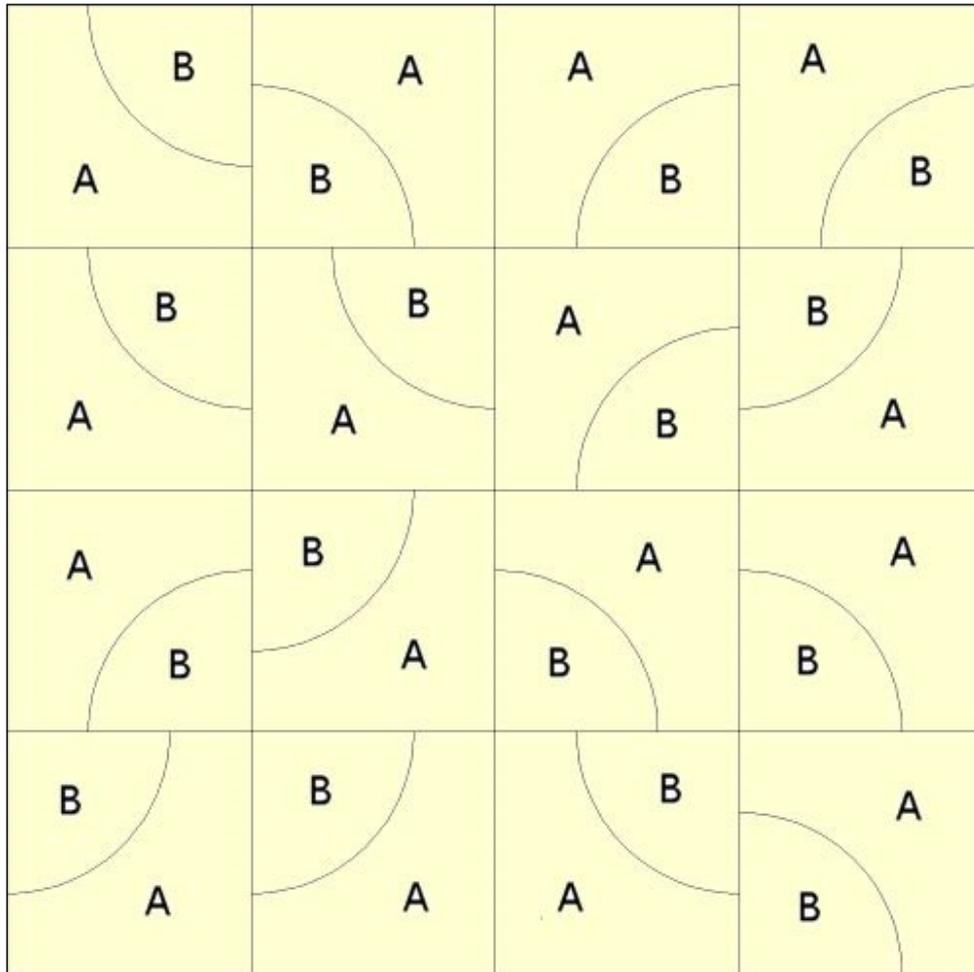
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5. Now Join these four strips together. Check with the diagram that you have them in the correct order.



You should now have a $12\frac{1}{2}$ inch square.

Sewing a Curved Seam

This method is only one way of doing this. Feel free to use your own method if you have one.

Sewing curved seams requires extra care. For each seam, first mark the centres of both the convex and concave curves.

1. Clip the curved edge of the concave piece to the seam line. (Figure A)

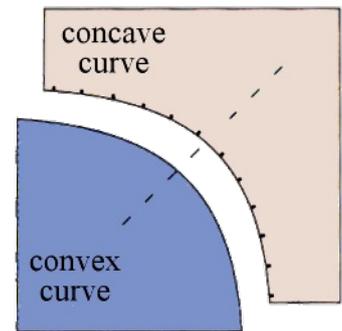


Figure A

2. With right sides facing and raw edges aligned, pin the two patches together at the centre and at the left edge. (Figure B)

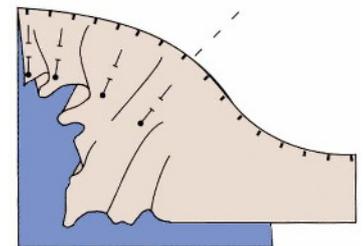


Figure B

3. Place one or two pins between centre and edge. Sew from edge to centre, stopping frequently to check the raw edges are aligned. Stop at the centre with the needle down. Raise the pressure foot and pin the pieces together from centre to the right edge. Lower the foot and continue to sew. (Figure C)

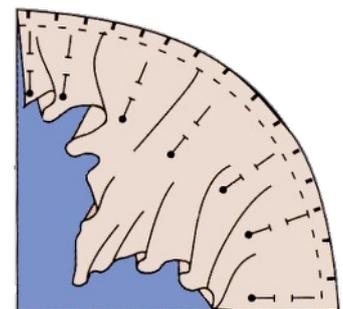


Figure C

4. Press seam allowance toward the concave curve. (Figure D)

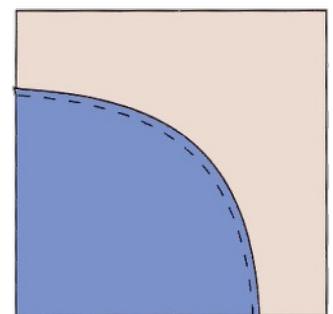
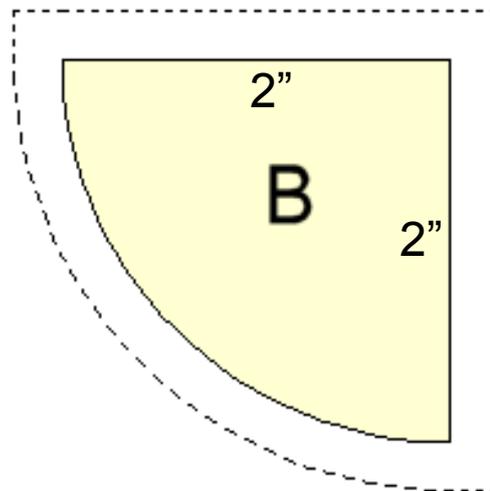
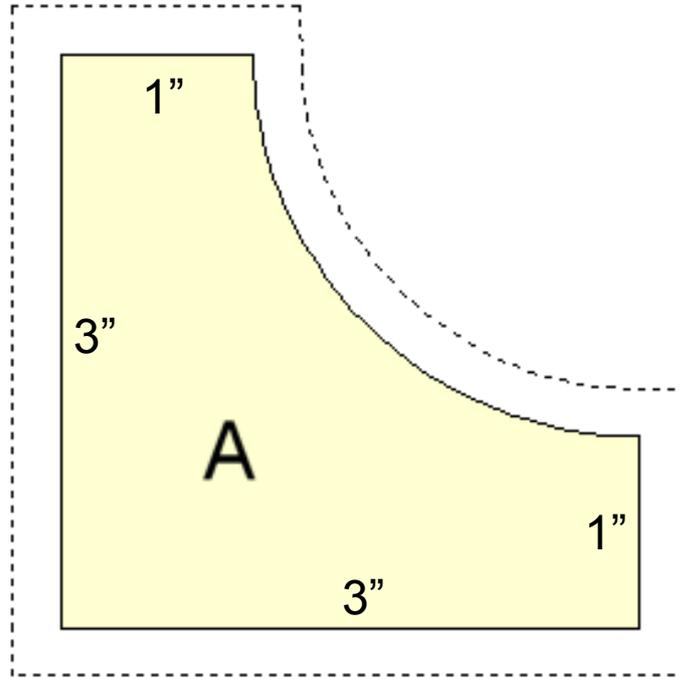


Figure D

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