

Block Party for September

The kids and grandkids are back in school and most of our summer travels are good memories. This is the perfect time for a fun and creative block. We are going to take a very traditional Drunkard's Path block but make it our own by freely cutting the quarter circle with a rotary cutter. Yes, make it a little bit crooked or a little bit wonky!

Materials Needed

These blocks will look best with batiks or with fabrics that are non figurative. In other words the fabric should not have strong traditional prints but should have soft organic type forms and shapes. Or perhaps you might use an all over simple pattern that "reads as plain". Use three color families: green, purple and orange. Start with two, three or four 9" squares.

Instructions

Stack up your two, three or four 9" squares and with your rotary cutter cut a loose, casual 1/4 circle from one corner. You may make one or two such cuts. See illustrations. Put about three tick marks on the edges to help sew these pieces back together. Now rearrange the pieces in different combinations and pin, matching the tick marks, and sew using a scant 1/8" seam. Press and steam until the block is flat. Your block will be crooked but just trim it to an 8" square. Turn in your 8" squares. To participate, make the block described, bring it to the next meeting, post your block(s) on the design board, and place your name (one for each block you bring) into the pot. The winner of the drawing will take home all the blocks.

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