Crazy Eights Quilt
Skill Level: Intermediate

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This quilt is a twist on the old classic Drunkard's Path. Using the same quarter circles, but updating the spacing and layout, you create a modern quilt. Units are sewn without using pins. Quilt measures 51" x 71".

Fabrics Needed

Background fabric	4-1/2 yards
Printed fat quarters	10
Backing fabric	4 yards
Binding	3/4 yards

Materials Needed

Legacy™ by Pellon® 100% Natural Cotton Batting	One Twin Package 72" x 96"

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies

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Step 1. From the background fabric cut thirty-six 4-1/2" width of fabric strips. This will make eighteen rows for the L shapes and 18 rows for the quarter circles.

Print and cut out the template. Use the template and cut 160 each of the L shapes and quarter circles from the background fabric.

From the patterned fabric fat quarters, cut 160 each of the L shapes and quarter circles. Mix and match for a scrappy look.



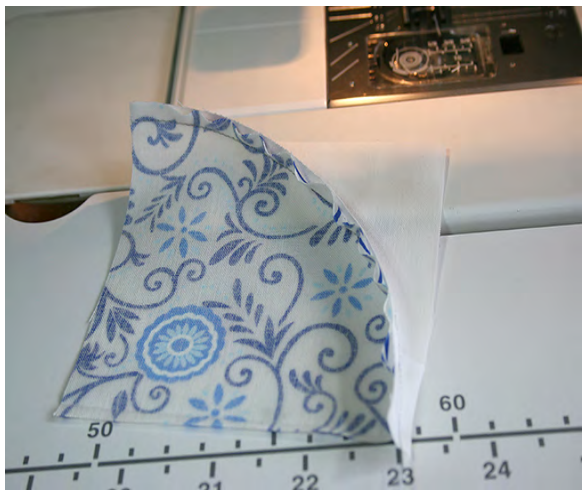
Step 2. Place the L shape fabric on the bottom with right side facing up. The top of the L is where the sewing starts. Place the quarter circle fabric on top of the L shape fabric with right side down. Match the beginning parts of the curve and start sewing using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. With the left hand holding the top piece slight off of the L shape and the right hand gently guiding the L shape, sew slowly, bringing the left hand towards the presser foot, allowing the curves to meet at the presser foot.



HINT: Use a little resistance on the quarter circle to line it up neatly. Do not distort the L shape while sewing. Chain piecing works well for this project.

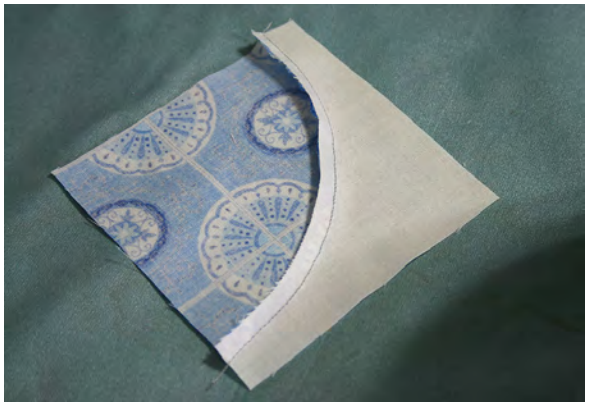


HINT: For sewing quarter circle units without pinning, use a scant 1/4" seam. Also, sew with the 'needle down' position activated.



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Step 3. Press all seams toward the quarter circle.



Step 4. To trim all blocks to 4-1/2" square, first trim off the sides of the quarter circle. Then trim the L shaped sides, lining up the ends of the curves from the quarter circle at 4-1/4". The L shape should extend 1/4" beyond the curves.



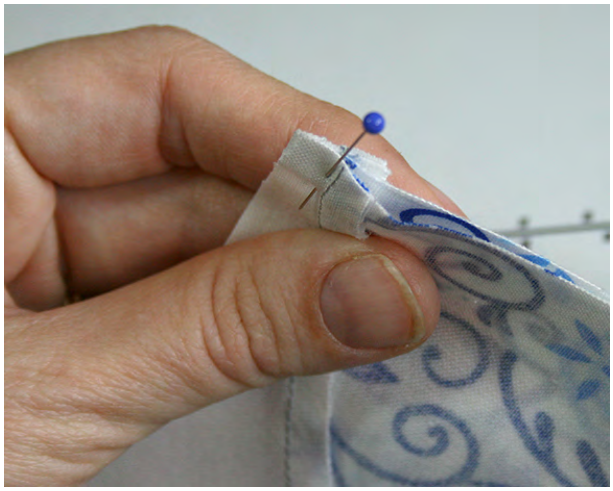


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Step 5. To arrange one block unit, place eight quarter circle units on a flat surface, right sides facing up, as shown in the picture at right.



Step 6. To create a half circle unit, place two quarter circle units right sides together. Match the seams and pin to hold.



Step 7. Sew the quarter circle units into a half circle unit, using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Repeat Step 6 and 7 for all quarter circles laid out for the block unit.

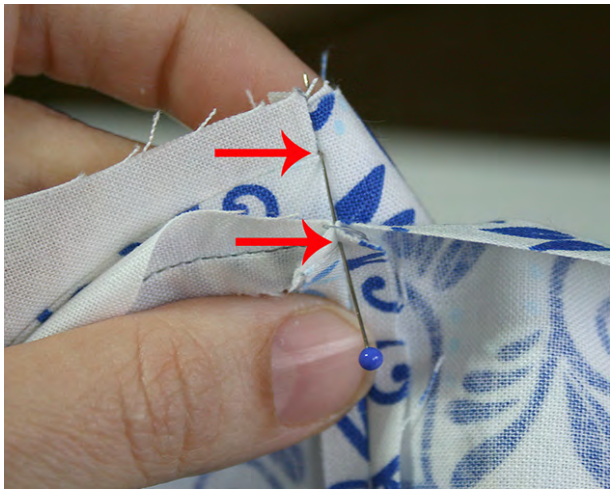


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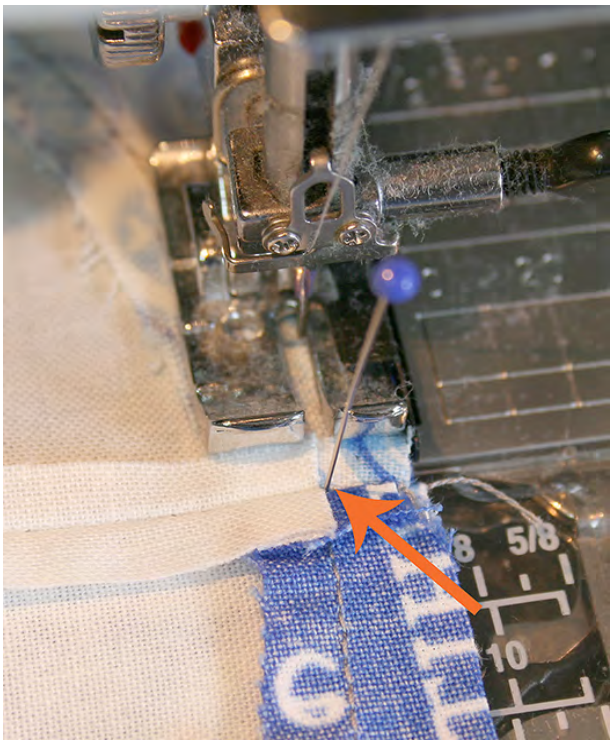
Step 8. Press seam open.



See picture at right for a close-up of matching seams.



HINT: When stitching, sew just to the right of the intersection to keep circles from getting cut off in other seams sewn.



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Step 9. Pin the half circle units together to create the block unit laid out in Step 5. Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open.

Repeat Steps 5 through 9 thirty-nine more times for a total of forty block units.



Step 10. Place two block units right sides together along the long edge. Match seams and pin. Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open. Repeat nineteen more times for a total of twenty Crazy Eight Blocks.



Step 11. Place the Crazy Eight Block on a flat surface, alternating them vertically and horizontally into five rows of four blocks each. Sew blocks together. Press seams open.

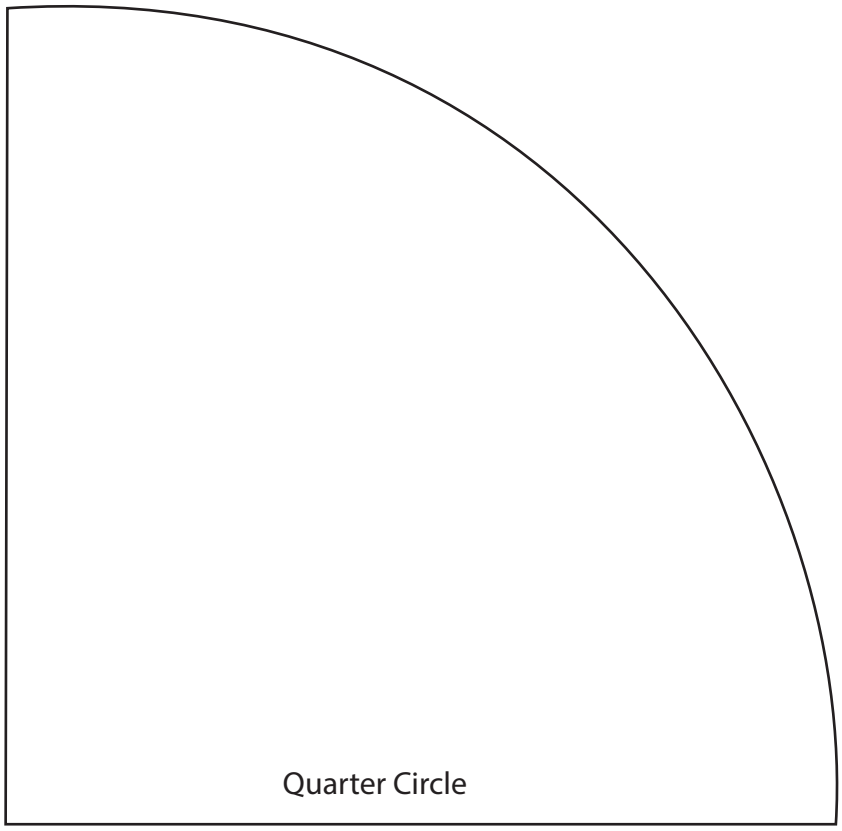
Sew the rows together. Press seams open.

Step 12. Layer quilt, batting and backing. Quilt as desired. Bind quilt.

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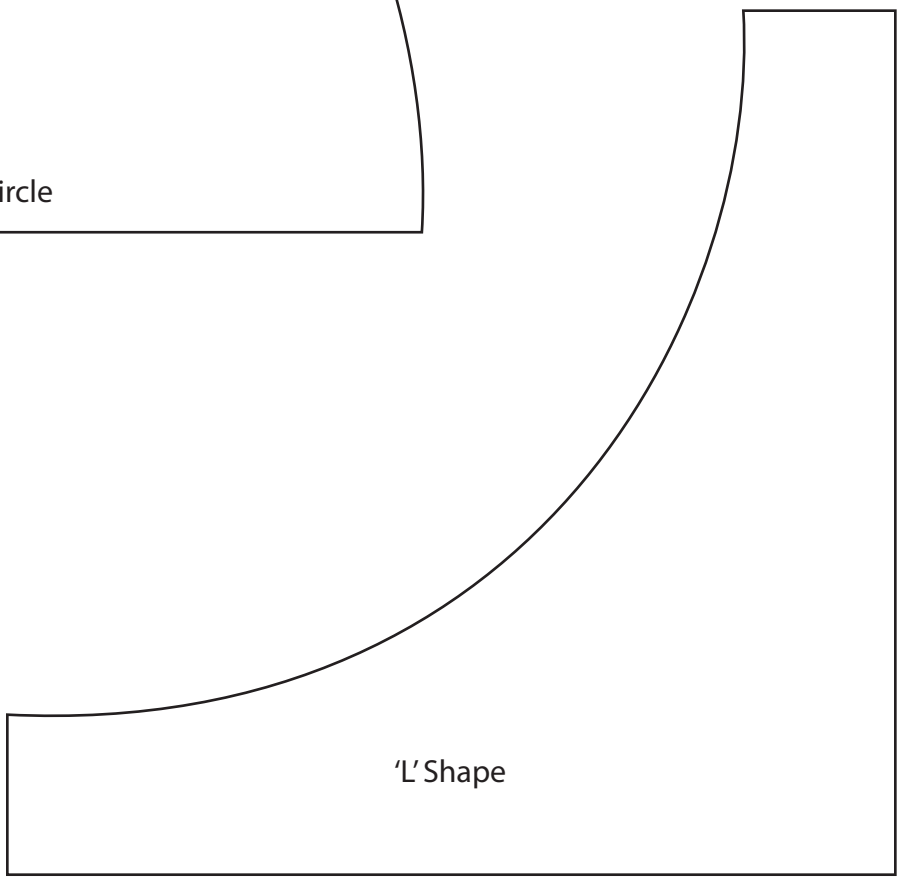
Templates

Set printer to 100%. Check gauge.



Quarter Circle

1″
Gauge



'L' Shape

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