

## Drunkard's Path Quilt as You Go

1. Cut: Refer to cutting instructions on supply list.
2. After deciding the design of your quilt, count how many red and black backing blocks you will need. And cut accordingly. For the example there were 20 black and 16 red.
3. Cut the bias strips for the re-connecting of the block and pie piece. The example is a striped fabric cut into  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " strips. You will need enough for the front and back. Press in half. Set aside.
4. Sewing the "Quilt as You Go" blocks. Layer your block: with the backing fabric wrong side up, one piece of batting. Then using any width of strip, lie it face up across corner to corner. Pin to hold in place until each adjoining strip is sewn. Continue on either side of that first strip with any width of strip. Using the "sew and flip" method. Lay the next strip face down on top of the previous strip and sew along the raw edges, flip open and finger press. Continue until the entire block is covered. You now will have a quilted striped block (strips running diagonally across the block). You may trim the block at this point or wait until you have all your blocks built. Trim the block(s) to your desired size.
5. Using the template plastic to make the pie piece template. (Draw your size of block and determine the pie shape curve that is pleasing to you. Basically cutting off one of the corners of the block, with a curve on one side.) Transfer the pie shape to the template plastic and cut out. Using the template cut the pie shape out of each block.
6. Starting to reassemble the blocks. First take the pie pieces and sew the bias strip to each side of the curve (front and back). Placing the pressed bias strip (leaving a small tail at each end) raw edges along the curve and pin. Flip the pie piece over and pin another bias strip on. Stitching through all layers (folded bias strip, backing, batting, quilted strips, folded bias strip). Remove pins as you stitch. Resulting in a smooth stitching line. Finish sewing bias strips to each pie piece.
7. Taking one of the quilted blocks (missing the pie piece). With the strips facing up. Place a pie piece with bias (quilted strip side facing down). Snuggle the two pieces together, matching the sides. Holding together (making sure the bias strips are lying flat and out of the way) zig-zag the curve together. Then press the bias strip up toward the block and pin, flip block over and press the bias strip up toward the block and pin. Top stitch in place catching both folded edges of the front and back bias strips. You may top stitch this edge or zig-zag or hand stitch this edge, which ever method you prefer. Trim the bias strips to match edges of block. Continue building the remaining blocks.
8. Lay the finished blocks out in rows in your desired pattern. Build your quilt in rows using your folded sashing strips between the blocks. Using the same technique as used in assembling the block pieces. Matching the raw edges of the folded sashing strips to the side of the block on the front and back, pin, sew, snuggle next block up together, zig-zag, flip sashing strips across, press, pin, top stitch. Finish each row. Trim row. Now sew each row to the next row using the same technique. Trim.
9. Bind the outside edge of the quilt with your preferred method.
10. Finished. Enjoy!