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## Make Round the Twist Quilt Blocks



Around the Twist Quilt Block. Photo Credit: Janet Wickell  
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### Celtic Quilt Block Pattern

The name of the quilt block used in this pattern is Round the Twist, but it's very similar to some of the popular Celtic Twist designs.

Each Round the Twist quilt block is made up of four separate patchwork units sewn in a way that makes the fabrics appear to intertwine. See an example of a quilt layout on page 3.

My background is a white on white print, but yours needn't be sewn from a light color.

What's important is contrast among all of the fabrics that are used.

You can make a successful scrap quilt with this quilt block if you are careful to [preview the color value of fabrics](#) to determine their best positions in the layout.

Follow the quilt block pattern to make *one Round the Twist block that finishes at 10" x 10"*.

#### Light for Background

- (2) 3" x 3" squares
- (2) 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" squares

#### Fabric 1 for Twist (shown as black)

- (4) 1-3/4" x 4-1/4" bars
- (4) 1-3/4" x 1-3/4" squares

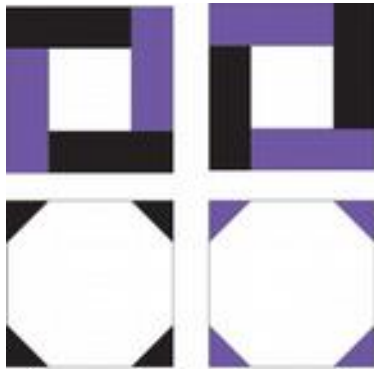
#### Fabric 2 for Twist (shown as purple)

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- (4) 1-3/4" x 4-1/4" bars
- (4) 1-3/4" x 1-3/4" squares

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## How to Sew Round the Twist Quilt Blocks



Assemble Round the Twist Quilt Blocks. Photo Credit: Janet Wickell

### It's Easy to Sew the Quilt Blocks

It's easy to use two simple techniques to assemble the four Round the Twist patchwork units.

- Top drawing, square patchwork units assembled using the easy partial seams technique.
- The lower row of the top drawing, Snowball quilt blocks. I've written the same instructions several times for other patterns, so I won't repeat them in depth here. Refer to the linked instructions if you aren't familiar with either technique.

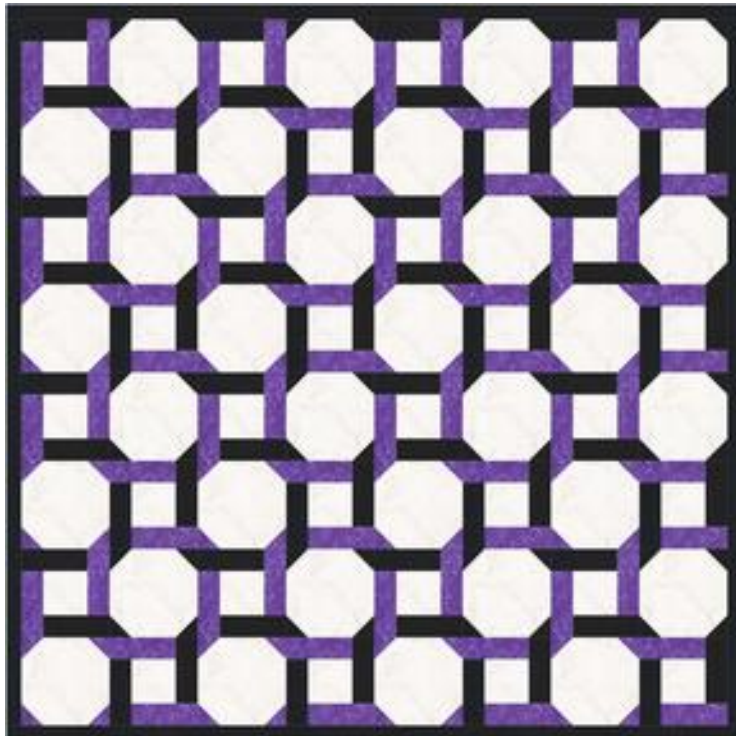
### Make the Patchwork Units

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1. Use the partial seams technique to sew two black and two purple bars to opposite sides of each 3" x 3" square. It's easy to start with the top bar and add the others in a clockwise motion. The remaining area of the partial seam is sewn last.
  2. Make one unit as shown top left, another as shown top right. Other than size and color placement, these units are exactly like Bright Hopes quilt blocks. Use the [assembly instructions for that quilt block](#) as a guide, and read through the instructions if you haven't sewn partial seams.
  3. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of each 1-3/4" square. Use the [quick pieced Snowball block technique](#) to align and sew a small purple square to each corner of a 5-1/2" background square.
  4. Repeat to sew small black squares to the corners of the remaining large background square.
  5. Arrange the four units into two rows as shown, bottom left drawing. [Use a quarter inch seam allowance](#) to sew units in each row together and [press seam allowance](#) towards the units with bars.
1. Join the rows. Press. The quilt block should measure 10-1/2" x 10-1/2".  
If you like quilt blocks with fabrics that appear to weave over and under each other, try my [Labyrinth Quilt Block Pattern](#) and another design called [Interlocking Chains](#).

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## Round the Twist Quilt Layout Example



Round the Twist Quilt Layout  
Example. Photo Credit: Janet Wickell

This simple layout shows 16 Round the Twist quilt blocks arranged into four rows of four blocks each. When placed side-by-side, the colors intertwine to resemble folded ribbons.