

## **An Introduction to Curved Machine Piecing along the Drunkard's Path**

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This full day class is an excellent introduction to mastering sewing curved seams together. We use the classic Drunkard's Path pattern as our inspiration but work in a larger than usual size. While vintage Drunkard's Path quilts feature small units (3" or 4" square), we'll be using 6" square units. Not only is handling curves easier in the larger format but 6" units also give us the opportunity to incorporate large-scale prints and to accomplish more piecing during class time.

There are several inspiration pieces to use as the basis for your project and Pepper will work one-on-one with each person to help design the project that best suits the individual and their fabric choices. This class not only develops technique but also designing skills.

Come to class with the following:

- Sewing machine threaded with a neutral color of any good-quality thread (bobbin+spool the same), extension cord
- Straight pins (long flower-head pins good choice), seam ripper, scissors for fabric
- Rotary cutter 25 mm size with new blade, rotary mat and large ruler (6 ½" wide or wider, any length)
- Small selection of already sharpened colored pencils or markers
- Eight paper plates and some post-it notes
- Your camera or phone to take pictures
- Fabrics-lots of them! Refer to the inspiration quilts pictures. If you're intrigued by the *Vintage Scrappy* approach, bring 1 ½ yd. unbleached muslin or equivalent light fabric and 2 yds. Of mixed dark-medium scraps 6 ½" or larger in size. A more *Contemporary Drunkard's Path*: if the idea of (finally!) using that large-scale print (think Kaffe Fasset or that lovely Asian fabric you've been hoarding) bring 1 ½ yd. of this large-scale focus print plus four 1/3 yd. pieces of contrasting solid colors. If the Christmas colors of the *Love Ring* quilt are your thing, sort your scraps into neutrals, reds, and greens. Bring 1 ½ yds. of each of these three groups. Remember: lots of fabrics=lots of choices!

The kit for this class is the set of 6" Drunkard's Path templates (two pieces). These are see-through Mylar that are custom-cut for this class. Cost is \$15.

Note: will have available for purchase copies of the book of *65 Drunkard's Path Quilt Designs*. Cost \$13. Totally optional.