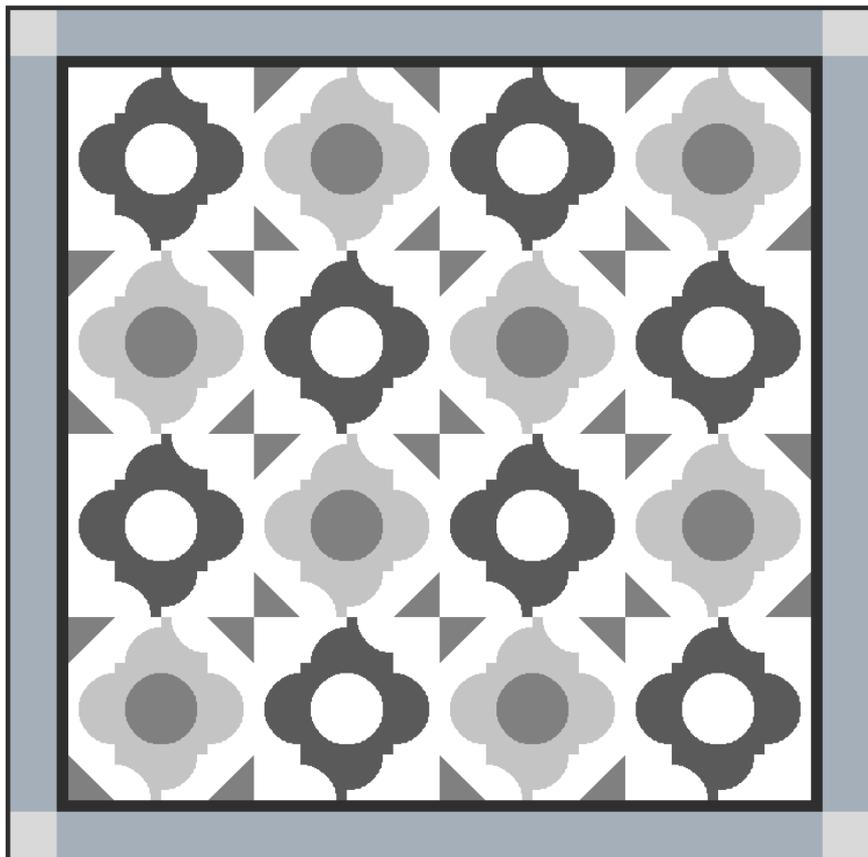


# Making Melody EBD 1103



Making Melody by Elisa Wilson  
75" x 75"

Featuring the *4" Drunkards Path Template* by  
Elisa's Backporch Design

Fabric is *Change of Heart* in Red & Tan by Northcott.net

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- ❖ This pattern features the 4" Drunkards Path Template.
- ❖ You will be making drunkards path blocks that measure 4 1/2" unfinished size. 4" finished size.
- ❖ Paper templates are provided but it is highly recommended that you purchase the acrylic templates for ease and accuracy in cutting.
- ❖ Width of fabric (WOF) is based on 40" of usable fabric.
- ❖ I do not wash my fabric before using. Add extra fabric if you wish to wash before using.
- ❖ All seams are 1/4".
- ❖ Press fabrics with a hot iron. Be careful not to distort fabric while pressing. Use a light spay starch if desired.
- ❖ Curves are sewn using your quarter inch presser foot. Practice with some scrap fabric before beginning.
- ❖ You can find online sewing tutorials for sewing curves <http://blog.backporchdesign.com>

***Read through pattern before beginning.  
A little time spent in the beginning will help to  
make your quilting experience a joyful one.***

Amount	Cut
Red/orange Inner border & binding 24"	Cut 5 strips 1 1/2" wide for inner border Cut 6 strips 2 1/2" wide for binding 5/8 binding - cut 8 strips 2 1/2" wide
Light background 116"	Cut 96 shape A Cut 64 shape B Cut 32 squares 4 1/2" Cut 16 squares 5" for HST
Red 22"	Cut 32 shape B Cut 16 squares 5" for HST
Medium Green Corner squares 4 1/2"	Cut one strip 4 1/2" wide. Sub cut four 4 1/2" squares for outer border
Small heart or floral 50"	Cut 48 shape A Cut 48 shape B
Dark Green 50"	Cut 48 template shape A Cut 48 template shape B
Large heart print Outer border 32"	Cut 7 strips 4 1/2" wide for outer border
7 yards	Backing

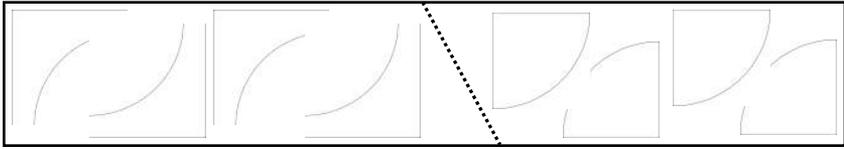
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## Cutting

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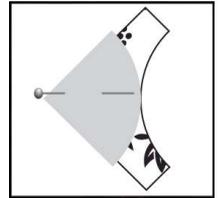
To cut template shapes A and B cut a strip of fabric slightly wider than the template shape.

Cut a 5" x WOF strip. If using the acrylic templates place up to four layers of fabric and cut around template shape with your rotary cutter. Rotate template and cut another shape. You can get about 14 of shape B and 12 of shape A from a strip of fabric.



1. Sew the shape B to the shape A.

a. Fold shape A and B in half along the curve side to find the center and make a light crease. Be careful not to stretch the fabric. **Shape B will be on top.**



b. Place the fabrics right sides together, shape B on top, lining up the crease marks to match the centers of the curve. Place a pin.

c. Place an additional pin to match the two top ends and the two bottom ends.

d. Align the top edges. Take a few stitches (be sure to use a 1/4" foot) and leave the needle in the down position.

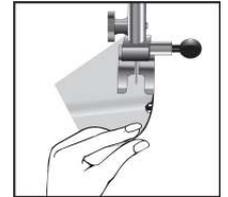


e. Place your right index finger in between the two fabrics. Your index finger is guiding the bottom fabric and keeping it smooth. It is also lifting the top fabric as you slowly sew around the curve letting the curved edges fall together.

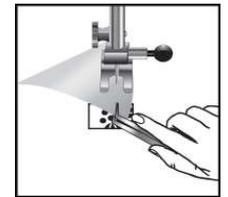


f. Remember that you do not have to match the curved sections ahead of time, the only place it needs to match is right before it goes under the presser foot.

g. Your left hand is holding the rest of the block. Sew to the pin. Remove the pin and continue around the rest of the curve in the same manner.



h. When you are about an inch away from the end you can hold onto the last pin and sew to the end or I sometimes like to remove the pin and use my *Sew Easy Tweezers* to grab the top fabric and hold it up with the tweezers and guide it to the end.



2. Press seam away from shape B. Press gently from the back, flip block over and press from the front.

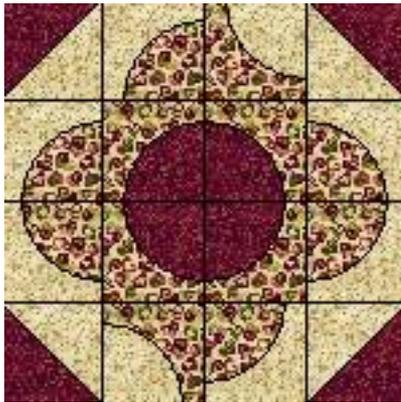
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## Making the Blocks

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Make 32 Half Square Triangles (HST) using the light and the red 5" squares of fabric. HST will finish at 4" (4 1/2" unfinished size)

- Draw a diagonal line on the back side of the light fabric.
- Pair up a light and a red fabric, right sides together.
- Sew 1/4" on each side of the line.
- Cut apart on the line.
- Press open and trim ears.



Block One - make eight

Use the small heart and background fabric shapes along with the HST to make Block One.



Block Two - make eight

Arrange pieced Drunkards Path blocks using the dark green and light fabric and 4 1/2" squares of light fabric.

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### Sew the Blocks Together

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- a. Alternate blocks One and Two as shown on page 1.
- b. Sew together into rows.
- c. Press the seams of each row in opposite directions.
- d. Sew rows together.
- e. Press seams.

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## Inner Border

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- a. Cut border fabric into 1 1/2" strips.
- b. Piece strips together, end to end.
- c. Measure the quilt from top to bottom, measure in the center.
- d. Cut two strips to this measurement.
- e. Sew a strip on each side of the quilt.
- f. Press seams out away from the top.
- g. Measure the quilt from side to side, this time including the two sewn on borders.
- h. Cut two strips to this measurement and sew onto the top and bottom of the quilt.
- i. Press seams out.

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## Outer Border

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- a. Measure the quilt top.
- b. Piece together four strips using the outer border fabric to this length.
- c. Sew a strip to each side of the quilt.
- d. Sew a 4 1/2" medium green square to each end of the remaining two strips.
- e. Sew these two strips to the top and bottom of the quilt top.

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## Binding

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15. After quilting your top you will need to bind it by doing the following; sew the binding strips right sides together, end to end, to make one long, continuous strip. Press the strip in half, wrong sides together lengthwise. Roll into a loose ball to make handling easier.
16. Sew to the front of the quilt, mitering at the corners. Press over and turn to the back. Sew to the back by hand or machine.
17. Make a label for your quilted treasure and enjoy.

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