Sewing Drunkards Path Curves

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The Drunkards Path block consists of two pieces.

They are the Pie



and the L.

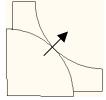


Piecing these curves together seems like a challenge, but it can be quite easy when done carefully.

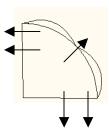
1. Fold each piece in half, wrong sides together, dividing the curve in half. Place the Pie piece on top of the L piece, matching the folds.



2. Open the pieces and pin at the fold (The arrows represent the pins):



3. Bring the edges of the L piece to match the corners and edges of the Pie piece, and pin with two pins, one where the corners meet, and another at the end of the L piece.



- 4. With the Pie piece on top, start sewing the pieces together, a few stitches at a time. Carefully adjust the bottom piece as you go around the curve, keeping the edges together.
- 5. When you are done, press. Generally, it is easier to press toward the L piece, keeping the Pie piece flat.

As you become more experienced in piecing this block, you may find the pin holding the block together at the center of the curve is sufficient.

Some people prefer to sew this with the L piece on top, but I found more instructions on the internet with it on the bottom than on the top. The key for me seems to be the two extra pins at on the ends of the L piece, and to stitch slowly. Also, if the block is really big, three pins on the curved edge seems to help a lot.