

Celtic Twist Block

Skill Level
CONFIDENT BEGINNER

Finished Block Size
12" x 12"

Cutting Instructions

(cut in order listed)

White/green print (background)

4 rectangles $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$

1 square $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

4 squares $2'' \times 2''$

Dark green swirl print, medium lime mottle, light green floral, and dark green texture (links)—cut from each:

1 strip $2'' \times 5''$

1 rectangle $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

3 squares $2'' \times 2''$

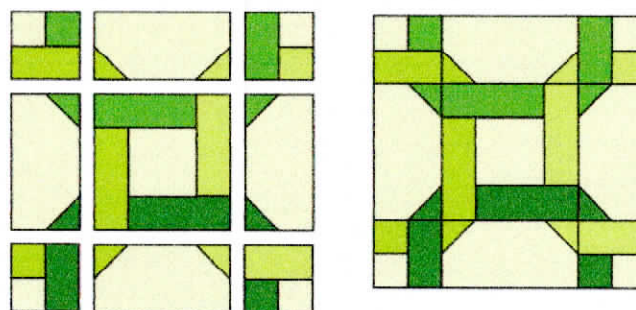
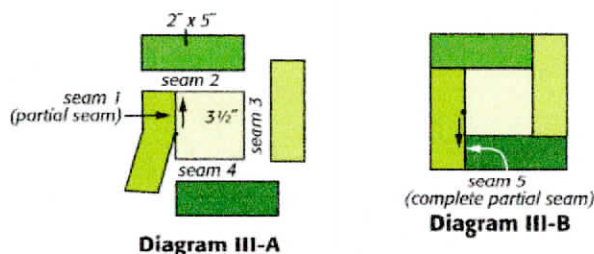
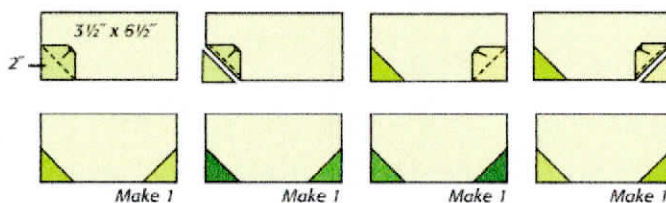
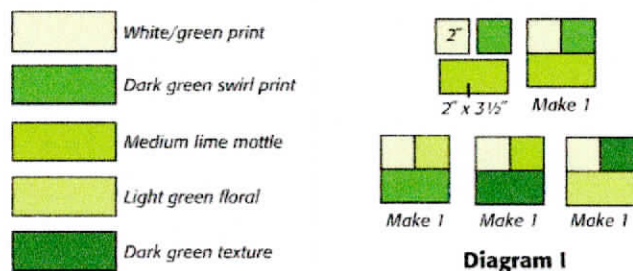
Piecing the Block

1 Referring to **Diagram I**, sew together 1 white/green print $2''$ square, 1 dark green swirl print $2''$ square, and 1 medium lime mottle $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangle to make pieced square. Make 4 total in fabric arrangements shown.

2 Draw diagonal line on wrong side of lime $2''$ square. Place marked square on white/green $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangle, right sides together, aligning raw edges (**Diagram II**). Stitch on drawn line; trim away and discard excess fabric. Open and press. Repeat on opposite end of rectangle with light green floral $2''$ square to make pieced rectangle. Make 4 total in fabric arrangements shown.

3 Referring to **Diagram III-A** for fabric placement, lay out $2'' \times 5''$ strips around white/green $3\frac{1}{2}''$ square. Stitch first seam as shown, starting approximately $2''$ from top left corner of center square. Open strip and press partial seam. Following seaming order, add remaining strips. Complete partial seam to make block center (**Diagram III-B**).

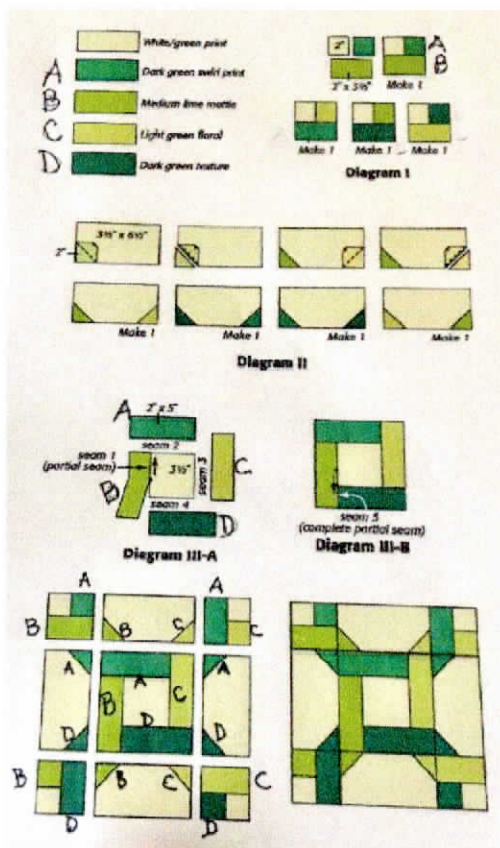
4 Arrange pieced squares, pieced rectangles, and block center as shown (**Diagram IV**). Check placement to make sure that links appear to interlock. Sew 3 rows, and then sew rows together to make Celtic Twist Block.



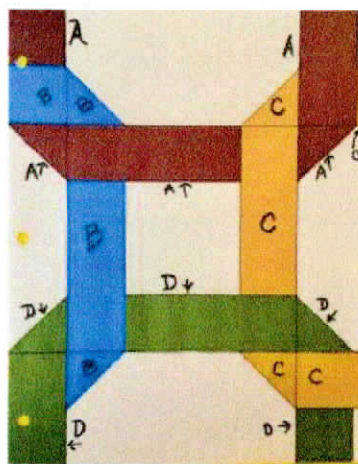
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Block of the Month May 2024 – Celtic Twist Block Tip Sheet

- A) Please use any cool colors for the twisted strands: blue, aqua, teal, lavender, amethyst, purple, green, grass, avocado, etc. Mix and match from your scraps as the strips or squares of the colors are only two inches wide. No need to buy anything. Use white for the background.
- B) Mark up your pattern to keep you from creating a “knot” that sometimes requires frogging or ripping out. Here’s an example:



By marking both your pattern and using the four-color visual image of the block below, you'll be able to smoothly sew this block.



C) Cut all of your pieces and label both the pattern and the fabric pieces.

D) View the video on the Mudsock Facebook to help you sew the block.

E) Though the pattern for the block suggests sewing the corner blocks or cornerstones first, I suggest you sew the middle block with the four fabrics around it first. Audition your fabrics to decide the order you find most pleasing. This section has the partial seam, but by following the video and slowly sewing one side at a time, you will be successful with this and realize you can face a partial seam in any future pattern! Press toward the darker color. Pin for accuracy.

F) Lay out all of the other pieces to double check placement before you begin the other sections of this block. It merely helps you keep it all on track.

G) Once you've finished your beautiful block(s), post a picture on our Mudsock FB site, giving an answer to this question: “What is the one thing that causes a twisty knot or challenge about quilting?”

