

# DESIGNS FOR CURVES

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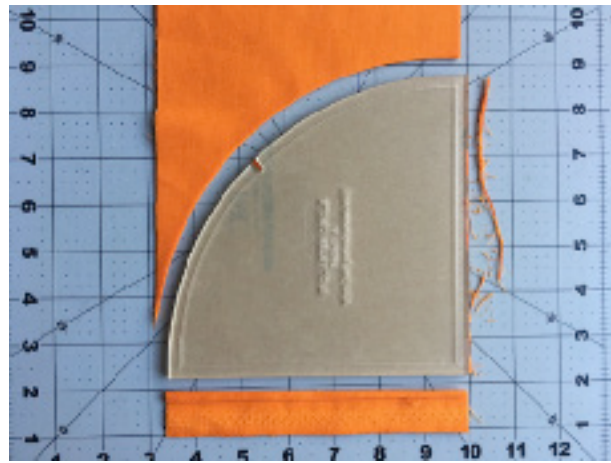
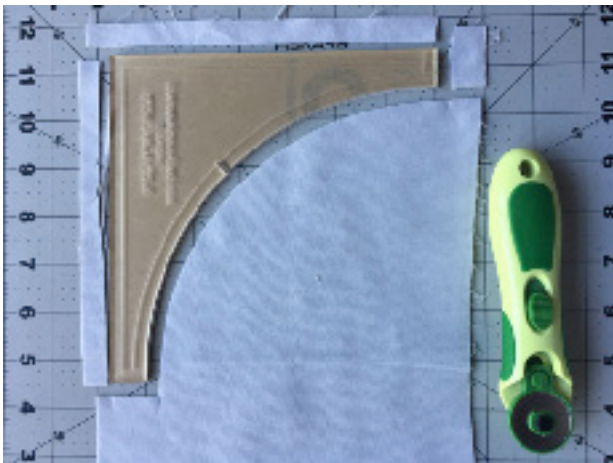
Hi! I'm Jen Carlton Bailly and I love sewing curves. I know that's not something you hear everyday...but it true. I designed my first curved quilt before I even knew how to sew a curve. Today, I'm going to walk you through how I design my quilts.

First let's chat about the tools that you can use to design your quilts.

The first and simplest is graph paper, pencil and ruler. It's so much fun to sit down and just draw and color!

Then there's several programs you can use to design your quilt, my favorite is Quilt Canvas—an online service that you pay for monthly [quiltcanvas.com](http://quiltcanvas.com).

Before we get started, let me show you how I cut a curve. My favorite tool is a 28 mm rotary cutter. It makes it so easy to cut around the template. See how easy that is!



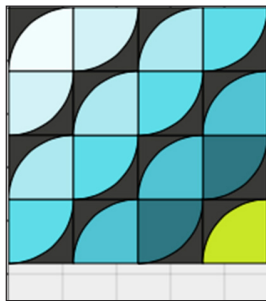
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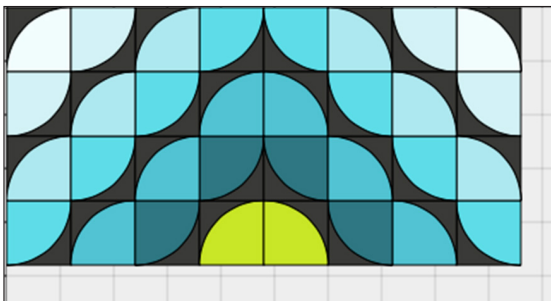


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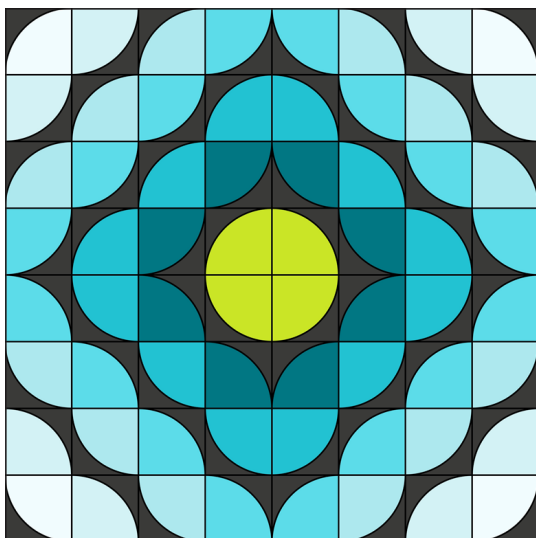
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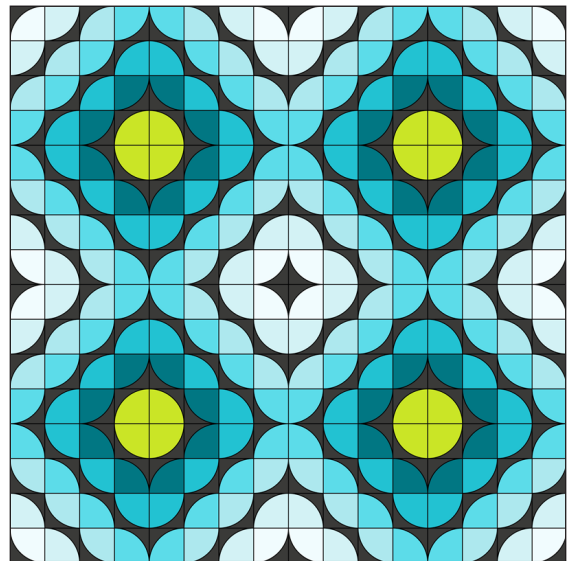
Adding and twisting one more.



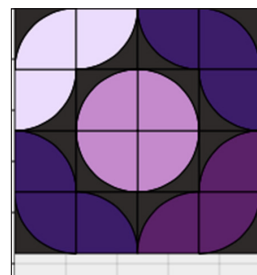
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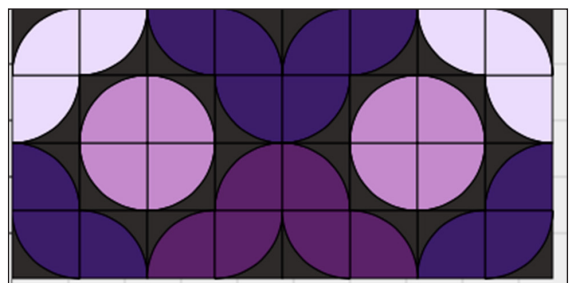
Lets look at what happens when you add even more blocks! Isn't it fun to see what happens when you add and twist the blocks. Playing with curves is very similar to playing with Half Square triangles.



Here we have another great simple block with the center circle and a variety of color surround it.



Just like with the last block, lets add and twist!



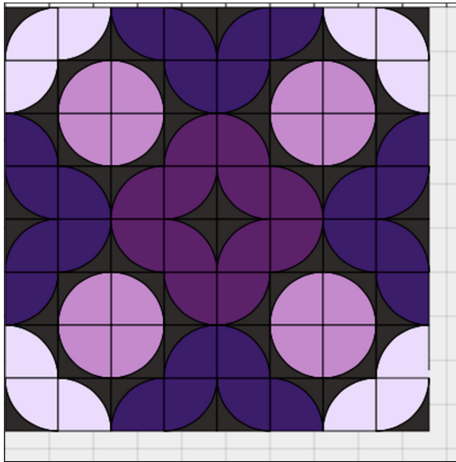
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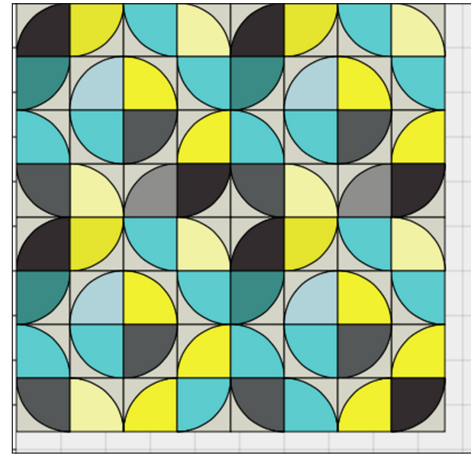


Can you start to see the patterns come out!

So let's sew two more together and see how these finish up. Look what a fun block that is!



Now, what happens if we make it scrappy and throw in some prints?!?



Look how much it changes! Same block just different fabrics. Now let's look at what the full quilt would look like.

I hope you've enjoyed this process. Now go make something awesome and check out my website at [bettycrockerass.com](http://bettycrockerass.com).

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